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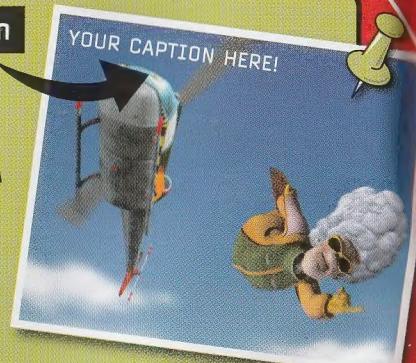


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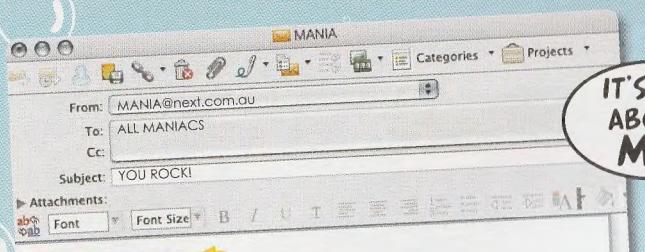
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HEY DUDES!

Get into our maddest issue yet – MANIA is so full it's bustin' at the seams! Go fully Jurassic with our story about killer Rex's and Raptors and discover who was the deadliest Dino of all – if ya dare! Get the inside word on how to be a crimebuster and use our sick MANIA police tape to keep out pesky intruders from your turf. Want a hot pet? Turn to our Dragon guide for everything you need to know about keeping your own fire-breathing hatchling! We check out the unbelievably awesome stunts of the FMX peeps in Rush – they're fully pumped. And we take a sneak peak at the half-shell mutant heroes as the Ninja Turtles turn on their power. You asked for more comics so we've got eight pages and the chance to meet the very cool Bone. Take our grossest quiz ever and get the goss on the massive Patrick day marathon. We love you Patrick! (and Sponge too). Go the pink blobby starfish and rock on MANIACS!

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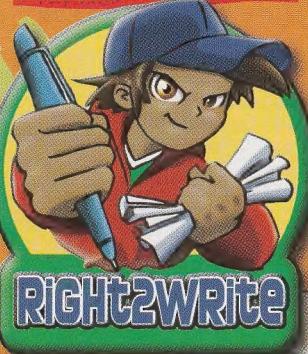


The game's all tied up



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Dear MANIA, my name is Ciara Stein-Magee. I LOVE your mag. It's da bomb! I buy it every issue. My fave bits are "Freaky + Foul" and "Right2Write". I love all the prizes you give away. Sometimes I don't even enter the competitions, I just look at the prizes and think, "Oh woah, that's cool!". Anyway, keep up the good work. Your number one fan, Ciara.

Ciara Stein-Magee, 10, Leura, NSW.

What a totally cool picture Ciara! And remember, you've gotta be in it to win it, so congrats for winning a prize this time! Homer sure looks like a cool-cat in those sunnies, but we do wonder if he actually knows how to ride his surfboard without falling off! Peace out, the MANIAC team.



Connor
McBeath,
7,
Bownral,
NSW.

Hi MANIA,
Hope you like my picture. I love your magazines because I like looking at the "Right2Write" page and all the other pictures.
Connor.

Connor McBeath, 7, Bownral, NSW.

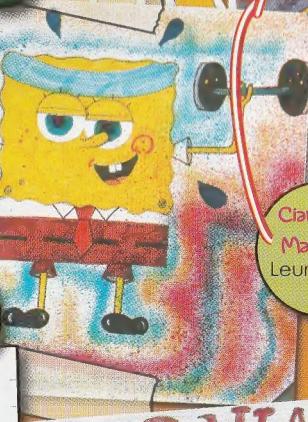
Hiya Connor! What a wicked picture - You're a fantastic artist! Keep sending in your cool pics champ, we'd love to see them! The MANIAC team.

Tim
Francis, 8,
Jeetho, Vic.

Hi MANIA,
My name is Tim. I love reading MANIA so much I even made my own mag called Timania. Hope u like my Narnia pic. I loved the movie. From Tim.

Tim Francis, 8, Jeetho, Vic.

Yo, Timbo!
We loved Narnia too, but we love your drawing even more! How clever and creative to make your own mag inspired by MANIA - totally wicked! Keep reading dude, the MANIAC team.



Ciara Stein-
Magee,
10,
Leura,
NSW.

Tess Forrest,
10, Ourimbah,
NSW.

To MANIA!
U roc. I drew this picture to annoy all the boys and tomboys that don't like girly stuff. I hope you can put my picture in your mag! Luv Tess. PS I'm not like a girly girl - I skateboard and surf.
Tess Forrest, 10, Ourimbah, NSW.

Hi Tess, we sure can put your great picture in the mag ... there's always room for pretty butterflies in MANIA! And the psst, we're sure some of the boys will be annoyed but we hope just as many will love it as much as we did! Cheers, the MANIAC crew. PS The MANIAC team think tomboys and girly-girls rock!



PATRICK!

GARY!



Dear MANIA,

I think your mag is the best and it's so cool, I have almost every issue. I hope you like my cool Patrick and Gary picture, they're both chillin' down at the beach! Well I hope you liked it. See ya! From Mackenzie.

Mackenzie, Jurien Bay, WA.

Hey Mackenzie! Great drawing - we didn't just like it, we loved it! On hot summer days, wouldn't it be awesome fun to chill at the beach with Patrick and Gary? The MANIAC team sure thinks so! Check out our new guest comic, Bone - it's fab. Stay cool buddy, the MANIAC crew.

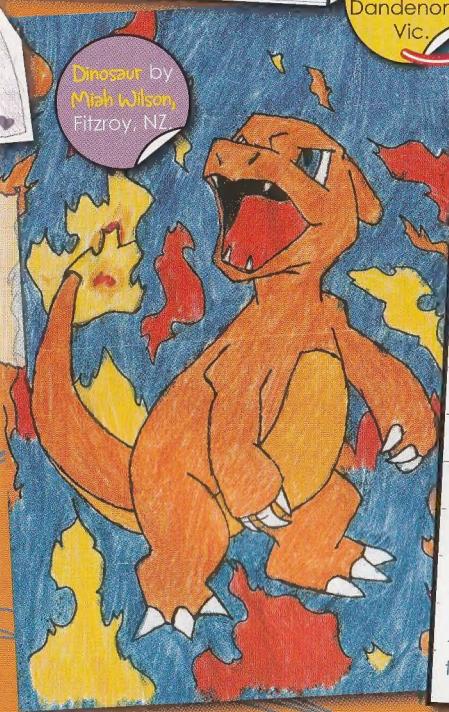
Mackenzie,
Jurien Bay,
WA

LETTER
OF THE
MONTH

Dinosaur by
Miah Wilson,
Fitzroy, NZ.

Zachary
Arthur,
Dandenong
Vic.

Travis Ryan,
7, Palm
Beach,
QLD



Dear MANIA,

My name is Travis and I am seven years old. I have just started buying MANIA magazines and I love them. The best is "Spot the Difference", and other kids' drawings they send in. This is a photo of my pet bird and me. His name is Buddy. He makes me laugh with the things he does. We do lots of things together. He's my best friend. From Travis.

Travis Ryan, 7, Palm Beach, Qld.

G'day Travis,

What a great photo! Buddy is soooo cute! He looks like one funny little guy. How awesome to have a best friend who can fly! We hope Buddy loves MANIA just as much as you do. Rock on man, the MANIAC team.



Dear MANIA,

Thank you for putting both mine and my brother Warrick's, pictures in your mag. I love drawing so "Right2Write" is the best. Mum said I can't draw any more pictures until I finish my project. I'm doing it on Blackbeard the Pirate. Did you know when he got killed they cut off his head and stuck it on a pole? Fully sick! I love MANIA because you give everyone a go, even little kids. Warrick worked really hard on his picture, colouring it sooo slowly trying not to go outside the lines. When you published it he was so excited. He showed everyone. Even the nice Safeway ladies. Getting published for me was awesome but watching Warrick's excitement was even better because he's the best little brother ever. He checks the mail for his prize every day. Thank you. From Zac.

Zachary Arthur, Dandenong, Vic.

Hey Zac, thanks for your wonderful letter. Your project sounds wicked but the MANIAC crew were grossed out when we read about Blackbeard's nasty death! Hopefully you've finished it now so mum will let you send us some more cool pics! All of us on the MANIAC team reckon kids pics are the best, and we bet Warrick thinks you're the best older brother ever too! Keep up the drawing, the MANIAC team.



Gemma Stone
I Stanley Grove
Winthrop WA 6152
Queensland Australia

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Kentucky Fried People
Gemma Stone, 8,
Winthrop,
WA.

PIC
OF THE MONTH

EXCELLENCE

Jake Regeling
7, Grafton
NSW
QLD.

To MANIA,

I love reading your mag! It is sooo cool! Me and my brother Anno get it every month on the day it comes out. I like everything about it, especially this section, the "Bet you Didn't Know" section and the "Pets" section. But could you please put in more Spongebob? Everything else is fine. Oh yeah, I almost forgot. I made up a chant or poem or whatever it's called. It goes: M-A-N-I-A MANIA will make your day, So everybody shout hooray 'Cause MANIA is here to stay! Gooo MANIA! From Mani Mae Gomes.

Mani Mae Gomes, 11, Para Hills West, SA.

Yo Mani, don't worry – there will be plenty more Spongebob in our 2007 mags, for sure. And what a totally rockin' chant! The MANIAC team chanted it together and it sounds mad! Thanks for the effort buddy, the MANIAC crew.

Erika Kennedy
15, Grafton,
NSW

Hey MANIA,
You guys rock! I thought I'd draw an elf because I love Christmas! You are the best mag, love it all! Erika.

Erika Kennedy, 15, Grafton,
NSW.

Hi Erika,
The MANIAC crew love Christmas too but we hope the elves are working hard so there will be enough pressies to go around next Christmas! Cute pic, the MANIAC team.

GO
MANIA!

After
The
SpongeBob

Mani Mae
Gomes,
11, Para Hills
West SA

win!

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And if you get published you will WIN this awesome Micador prize pack, so don't forget to send in all your details! See page 97 for more details on how to write in and win.



EVERMORE

WIRED

Evermore's Dann Hume tells MANIA what it's like livin' the rock'n'roll lifestyle!

Doing time in solitary

Long before Evermore had notched up 300 live shows, scored a whopping five ARIA nominations and won the Supernova Breakthrough Act Award at the Australian MTV awards, they were just a trio of Kiwi musos dreaming about their big break. When the brothers came to Oz after winning the NZ National High School Band Competition in 2000, they dug into their penniless pockets and bought a shanty house on the NSW Central Coast. Then, to find inspiration for their first album, *Dreams*, the guys locked themselves alone in their rooms for months to let their creative juices flow! Musical solitary confinement - it's a tough job.



Dann The Man

Rewinding for their debut at the Big Day Out, MANIA grabbed drummer Dann Hume for a few quick questions.

MANIA: How does it feel to be part of the line-up for the year's Big Day Out festival in Australia and New Zealand?

Dann: It's very exciting. Then I heard that we'll be playing alongside Muse, The Killers, Foo Fighters and it was quite a thrill to hear our name alongside those bands.

MANIA: You guys seemed to be touring non-stop this past year or so, do you ever get tired of it?

Dann: Well, I get tired of in physically tired, and I'm not tired of airports but we never get tired of playing. The fans that make it worthwhile, so that keeps us going.

MANIA: Have you come across any crazy fans while touring? What are some of the craziest things your fans have done?

Dann: "The ones at our gigs are pretty well-behaved."

RE AND MORE!

SINGER/GUITAR: JON HUME KEYBOARD/BASS: PETER HUME DRUMS: DANN HUME BORN: FIELDING, NEW ZEALAND LATEST SINGLE: "LIGHT SURROUNDING YOU" FIRST ALBUM: DREAMS NEW ALBUM: REAL LIFE

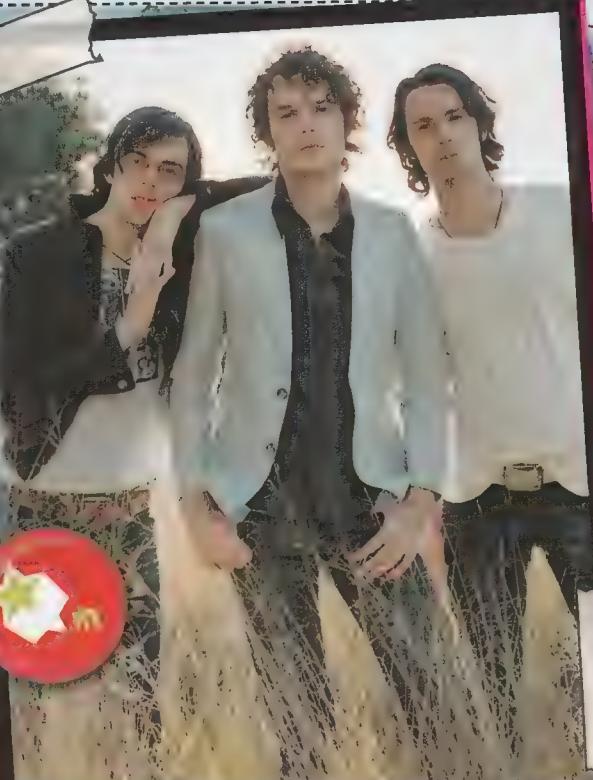
"The craziest ones we end up meeting, like those at the airport. One fan paged us at the airport and we thought, 'Oh maybe we lost some luggage or something', but then it turned out they just wanted a hug. Another time we had some fans asking us to sign their underwear – that was pretty weird."

MANIA: Was it hard making the move from New Zealand to Australia?

Dann: "It wasn't too hard. We didn't have enough money to move back. At the time, we were living on two-minute noodles and playing as many gigs as possible. We were so determined to make it work."

MANIA: If you could create your dream band, who would be in the line-up?

Dann: "John Bonham from Led Zeppelin on the drums, Paul McCartney from The Beatles on bass, Jimi Hendrix on guitar, Van Morrison on vocals to make things interesting and I'll put the purple Wiggle on tambourine."



Real Real Life

Evermore's album is called *Real Life* (WMI Australia), and it's a slice of the real life of Evermore. Check it out!



Celeb Web

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1 Evermore

- Light Surrounding You
- 2. My Chemical Romance - The Black Parade
- 3. Eskimo Joe - Sarah
- 4. John Butler Trio - Funky Tonight
- 5. Sandi Thom - I Wish I Was a Punk Rocker (with Flowers in my Hair)
- 6. Damien Leith - Night of my Life
- 7. Scissor Sisters - I Don't Feel Like Dancing
- 8. Gwen Stefani - Wind It Up
- 9. Wolfmother - The Joker and the Thief
- 10. Justin Timberlake - My Love





The only thing
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more than MANIA
is their pets!



Dint-sized Pet

BREED Axolotl. **SIZE** Grows up to 40cm in length. **SUMMARY** These amphibians are awesome to look at! Axolotls have amazing healing abilities and can regenerate almost any injured part of their body, including their skin and heart. **ATTENTION REQUIRED** They're a lot like fish and live aquaria, because they breathe through their gills. **APPEARANCE** Axolotls are usually grey or brown.



BARK, LICK, RUN, CHASE



MIMI BOYLE, 7, with her kittens, Vic.



CONAN CONDRON, 4, and ZEUS the dog, NSW.



JOSHUA HARDY, 10 with his black Labrador, India, WA.

DID YOU KNOW? When cats are walking or running, they step with both right legs and then both left legs. Giraffes and camels are the only other animals that move like this (try this one at home Maniacs!).

SLEEP, SLEEP, EAT, SLEEP



ETHAN BYERS, 5, and his dog, PETAL, Qld.



SIAUMY JONG, 14, with BAMBI the guinea pig and JUNIOR the kitten, Vic.



WEDNESDAY TAYLOR with her snow-white cat Lily, Vic.

DID YOU KNOW? People all around the world are canine crazy – a US poll found that 33% of dog owners talk to their pets on the phone or leave messages on the answering machine for them while they're away from home!

THE DAILY PET



BREED: Jack Russell Terrier.

SIZE: Small.

FUR COLOUR: Mostly white with black, brown or tan patches.

COAT: Can be smooth or rough. Not much grooming is required.

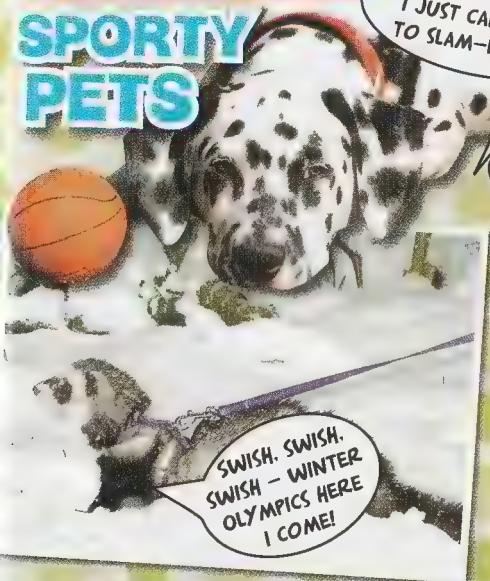
PERSONALITY: Little bundles of energy, Jack Russells love to have fun but they are also extremely intelligent and very loyal.

ATTENTION REQUIRED: Needs lots of attention and exercise, plus some training to control their hyperactivity!

EXERCISE: At least 30 minutes of exercise per day, and it's a good idea to walk them on leads, as they are clever escape artists!

LIVE: 14-15 years. ☺

SPORTY PETS



If they ever make a *Finding Nemo* sequel, it seems our favourite fish could have a few new friends. For the last six years scientists from around the world have been conducting a census of marine life and in that time have discovered more than 2000 new

species of marine fish and mammals! One of these species, the Neoglyphepha neocalledonica shrimp, was thought to have vanished millions of years ago but was found recently in the Coral Sea near Queensland. What's next the Leviathan?!



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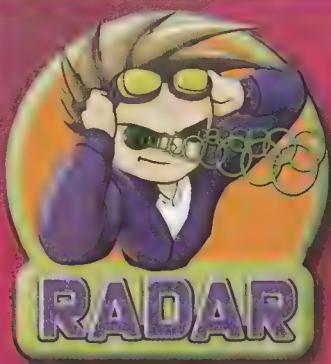


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The latest news and random happenings, from around the globe.

Aniwillionaires

It's official, Australians love pets more than their kids! According to figures released by the Australian Companion Animal Council an unbelievable \$4.62 billion was spent on 38 million pets around Australia in 2005. Approximately \$1.54 billion was spent on pet toys, over the same period only \$1.09 billion was spent on kids' toys! Dogs did best with an average of \$732 per year spent on dog toys with only \$212 on average being spent on children. Head to the kennel, Maniacs – it's a better life!



Skateboard Marathon

On Saturday December 16, British skateboarder Dave Cornthwaite claimed the world record for the longest journey by skateboard after skating 4831km from Perth to Sydney. His journey is scheduled to end in Brisbane sometime in early 2007 and at the finish line Dave will have skated over 6000km for charity! To donate or find out more, head to www.boardfree.org.au



Making sparks

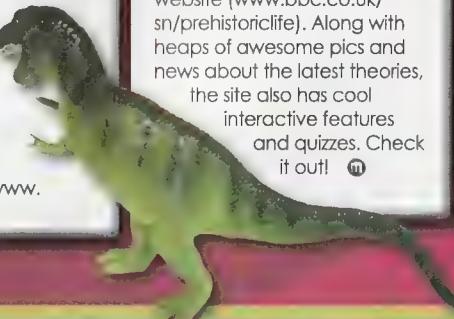


The Little Match Girl is a classic story from the master storyteller Hans Christian Andersen and you can check out the play at the Sydney Opera House from March 14-18. There's nothing quite like live theatre!

Moonlight movies



How cool would it be to watch your fave movie under the stars? If you're quick you can catch the end of the Nissan Moonlight Cinema season in Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. Choose from a selection of new flicks like Happy Feet as well as old faves such as Shrek and The Princess Bride. Until March 11, program details and tickets available at www.moonlight.com.au.



Dino-dinot

Been to see the Walking With Dinosaurs Live Experience but still crave more? Dinosaur dynamos can get their fix of all things prehistoric at the BBC's Prehistoric Life website (www.bbc.co.uk/sn/prehistoriclife). Along with heaps of awesome pics and news about the latest theories, the site also has cool interactive features and quizzes. Check it out!

Which

CODE LYOKO

character are you?

This gang is anything but average! School-mates Yumi, Ulrich, Odd and Jeremy are out to stop the world from being totally annihilated - take our quiz to find out which one of these awesome heroes you'd be!

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Your friends describe you as?

At school,
your fave
subject is?

In your group,
you are the?

Do you totally
dig all kinds
of sports?

When a
problem
arises you?

Are you a
rules kinda
person?

In your spare
time, you like to?

Your dream
job would be?

If you were
animal, you'd be?

Your ultimate
sport would be?



JEREMY:

Most popular with
girls in the whole
city! He's a bit
of a show-off
but he's also
kind of a nice
guy for girls!



YUMI:

Beautiful,
brilliant and a natural
leader, your calm
nature can sometimes
comes across as cold
and distant but really,
you're a totally caring
and sensitive person!



ULRICH:

Always cool
and serious in everything
he does, you can always
tell through his tough
exterior that he has
your best interest at heart.
He's a bit of a
loner though.



ODD:

Up the your
adrenaline, you're
a total action hero!
You're super
intelligent, you're
super strong and
you're super cool.

THERE BE

MANIA creeps into the DRAGONS' lair for a closer look!

Dragons are magical beasts that have been around since the dawn of time. They're said to be the last survivors of the dinosaurs, or perhaps they're the remains of comets that fell to Earth! Whatever the truth is, these spectacular serpents are surrounded in mythology and can be found in most regions on Earth.

DRAGONS 101

Unless you're called Eragon, there's a lot more to dragons than just showing up at school riding one and frying your classroom in a geyser of flame. Dragons are complex and mystical animals that have existed for millennia and they are also possessors of ancient magic. No one really knows where dragons come from; some believe that dragons are leftover dinosaurs or comets that fell to Earth! Whatever the truth is, these spectacular serpents are surrounded in mythology and can be found in most regions on Earth.



WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Scandinavian dragons

Temperamental beasts that eat cattle and symbolise disease and pestilence. Strangely, it is still considered good luck to see one!

Vietnamese dragons

Many South East Asian dragons mean good luck or health, and are rulers of rain and water. The Vietnamese Röng dragon is divided into 12 sections and said to control weather and crops.

Old English & Medieval dragons

These dragons are a sign that catastrophe and destruction are on their way – uh-oh!

Chinese dragons

Chinese dragons symbolise good luck and fortune, the Chinese Lung dragon is long, scaled and wingless.

African dragons

Originating in Northern Africa, the Amphisbaena is a two-headed dragon with a head at each end of its body. It forms a circle by holding its neck and travels by rolling.

American dragons

Native American dragons represent forces like water, earth and fire as well as death and resurrection.

DRAGONS!

DRAGON CARE

How to Keep and Raise A Dragon by Joseph Nigg is a practical guide to caring for dragons and it should be read by any prospective dragon owner. We've compiled our own brief look at caring for these animals should you decide a dragon is the pet for you.

FOOD Dragons are mostly carnivorous and will feed on all varieties of livestock. In the past dragons would also snack on a pesky knight every now and then - usually some dragon-bothering bozo out to impress a princess. Dragons will actually eat almost anything, as long as it provides enough vitamins and minerals.

SHELTER Dragons come in three major elemental varieties, Earth, Water and Sky and each type has specialist habitat demands. Earth dragons need a home with a variety of shaded and sunny areas, water dragons need a lake or pool as well as dry

areas and sky dragons need room to stretch their enormous wings.

EXERCISE Most dragons are very active and require plenty of attention. The best ways to entertain a dragon varies from type to type, but all dragons seem partial to music and hunting based games like treasure hunts and hide-and-seek.

COMMUNICATING Dragons are very proud creatures and attempting to communicate with them as though they are a simple-minded pet will meet with strong resistance. Approach dragons with care and make sure to signal your good intentions with gentle movements and clear, soft speech. Dragons are incredibly sensitive to feelings and some believe they have a sixth sense and can pick up anger, danger, sadness and joy in living things around them.



BREED YOUR OWN

You can come up with your very own breed of dragon, all you have to do is decide on a name, draw a picture and come up with a few interesting facts about your creation. What does it eat? What colour are its eggs? What type of fire does it breathe? Send in your dragon to MANIA for your chance to win one of five copies of the amazing dragon-breeding handbook - *How To Raise and Keep Dragons*, by Joseph Nigg, Harper Collins.

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Gadgets and gear to drool over. Laminate these pages!

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PS The average battery hen lays about 257 eggs per year. The largest egg ever had five yolks and was 31 cm around the long axis. The world's largest omelette was made in Madrid by Carlos Fernandez who used 5000 eggs.

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Funky Monkey X-Rays? FMX stands for freestyle Motocross (Moto-X, or MX), and it's one of the most spectacular and dangerous sports in the world. Picture yourself upside down in the air, hard-packed dirt below you, a heavy screaming bike over your head as you flip, gravity clawing at you with cameras and fireworks going off. It's a long way down and there's a chunk of bone-snapping heavy metal coming with you.



FOAM PARTY

FMX stunts are so dangerous that if you land up on a jump you might never get the chance to try again. To make FMX safer, people like William Lanning have come up with a foam pit developed the foam pit - a big pile full of foam cubes that stops them from getting back-flips and other stunts that might otherwise mean a broken neck!

MANIA catches up with two Aussie FMX stars who are very hard to catch!



TRICKS TO DIE FOR

Brett, you're 16 and you're one of the most famous and most talked about FMX stars in the world. You're a legend in the sport and you're the first person to ever do what you do.

Brett, tell us a bit about the last time you fell off your bike. What happened? What did you do?

Don't be scared, I don't even know where to start. One of the first times I fell off my bike I was 12 years old. I was doing a backflip and I fell onto my shoulder. I got a very sore shoulder.





RHYS HILLIER

FREQUENT FLYER - Rhys Hillier, Shaolin style.

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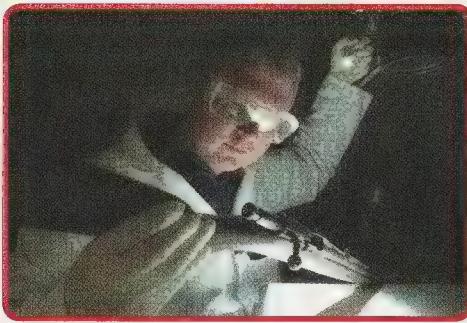
Every cigarette is doing you damage



Busted!

How do police catch criminals? MANIA chats to a real-life scene of crime investigator and finds out how they track down the clues!

To find out what it's like putting evidence under the microscope every day, MANIA checked in with Acting Inspector Richard Wood, a real-life crime-scene investigator.



M: Is there one clue that most often leads to the capture of a criminal?

AIW: "Most often it is the fingerprints that lead to the capture of criminals, but nowadays we also can use DNA matching to find out whodunnit!"

M: How do you take fingerprints from a crime scene?

AIW: "Normally we 'dust' for fingerprints which means we use two different coloured powders to show us where the criminals have put their fingers. Sometimes we will also use chemicals – which we put on items to show up the fingerprints. Another technique that we can also use is the Light Enhancement Technique, using UV light and other light sources. We put on special goggles and this means we can see where offenders have left their fingerprints! After you find the fingerprints you need to record them. We take photographs, using special graphs which give a size and direction of the fingerprint."

M: Do police use magnifying glasses anymore for detective work?

AIW: "Yes, we use them all the time. In fact when we work in forensics we have to make sure we don't overlook anything, so magnifying glasses help us see things your eyes can't see on their own, like minute fibres, hair, dirt particles etc."

M: What is one of your biggest challenges as a police officer?

AIW: "All the time technology is changing, we always have to make sure we know how to use the latest technological gadget or gizmo. It's challenging but also really exciting to see how the new technological inventions help us to solve crimes."

M: What do you love about your job?

AIW: "Every day is different – I'll wake up in the morning and find myself called off somewhere I've never been before. I always meet really interesting people and we all help each other to find the clues to solve the crime. Sometimes I'm called in the middle of the night and have to travel immediately to a crime scene. Every day I feel satisfied with the job I do."



POLICE LINE



Life and Crimes



MISSING - THE MONA LISA

In 1911, the most famous painting in the world, the Mona Lisa, was stolen from off the wall of the Louvre Museum in France and no one even noticed it was missing until the very next day. The painting was found for two years, until the trial emerged in Italy during which the stolen painting was returned to the Louvre. The thief was later arrested.

THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY OF 1963

On August 8th 1963, over £2 million (which equals 20 million Australian dollars) was stolen from a train carrying gold bullion between England and Scotland by a gang of 15 train robbers. Most of them escaped but were later captured by police after a long and violent manhunt for their hideout.



NED KELLY

Well-known as a famous criminal, he is considered a folk hero for his defiance of colonial authorities in Australia. Immortalised by Robert Remond and Arnold Ward Kelly and his gang of bushrangers, in biblical times, he was known as a robbing and killing police in the process. Ned Kelly was eventually brought to justice.



DO NOT CROSS

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SPORTS MAD

TITANS – THE NEW NRL TEAM ON THE BLOCK

Eastyn Colle is the Titan's number-one fan. MANIA sent him out to interview co-captain Scott Prince at a training session on the Gold Coast.



Q How was the move to the Gold Coast from Victoria?

SP "Coming home to Queensland was very exciting for my family and I after a few years in Sydney and to be named co-captain of the junior Gold Coast Titans with Dale Steffey is a fantastic opportunity."

Q Who are your heroes you started playing for Gold Coast?

SP "I started playing rugby league as a little kid at Mt. Pleasant in Mount Isa. My dad worked in the mines out there and took me along to the club for a giggle, but I wasn't good straight away. It came with lots of dedication and training."

Q Who does Scott Prince believe the best team?

SP "I think it's either the Roosters or the Panthers and when you have a big group of ugly, big forwards like we have at the Titans in front of you that makes it grand a lot easier."

Q How would you like when you were introduced to coaching?

SP "With a huge honour and to be doing it with Dale (Lloyd) Kirby, who's played State of Origin and for Australia is fantastic."

GOLD



Q: What's preventing from a broken leg forever, at least till you're 100?
Because it was extremely when I had broken my body and there were people saying that I should retire, but I just love rugby league so much and I knew that if I did all the right things and trained hard I could get back on the field. I am glad I did because when my return I have played State of Origin for Australia and won an NRL grand final."

Q: What's your best NRL memory?
SP: Not on Tizzym. My dad is also my best, he has really taught me so much. I also really admire Michael Jordan who has been so successful in basketball and life.



Q: What other sports do you like to play?
SP: I love all sports and love to watch any Australian team in action. I am also really good at chess so I have been practising that a little bit when I am not training."

Q: What's your favourite cartoon character, and why?
SP: My favourite cartoon character is Bobo – frak you see that guy? He's huge and we beat at every junior NRL game last year."

Q: Can you give us a tip on how to kick a field like you do?
SP: If you can get out there and take lots of kicks often kick and only then will you start to get

the ball to go where you want it to, but first give a few tips.
1. Kick the ball in two hands
2. If you kick with your right foot make your right hand guide the ball down towards your foot
3. Kick your foot down and make sure you kick through the ball with your toes pointed forward."

SCOTT STATS

NAME: SCOTT PRINCE

AGE: 27

HOMETOWN: MOUNT ISA

PEAKS:

- 1st NRL GAME IN 1988
- PLAYED STATE OF ORIGIN AND FOR AUSTRALIA
- PREMIERSHIP AS CAPTAIN FOR WEST TIGERS 2005

TITANIC!

The Gold Coast's brand new stadium

The Titan will open November 2011 against the Sharks at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane on Sunday 13 March. Grand Final Sunday the 2011 September 2011.

There are 12 teams in the NRL.

A US\$1 billion dollar stadium and new home of the Titans is being built in Gold Coast on the Gold Coast and will be ready next year.

The titan is a 50,000 seat stadium and it's a tall warrior.

For tickets and more info go to:

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IT'S A STEAL!

With Animania's return to air, we're up about confirming Studio Ghibli's latest movie and we've got to inform you of the new *Kaze no Tani no Na* DVD at the Castle of Crystalinks is set to be released on March 25. Directed by the once and only Hayao Miyazaki, this one follows the misadventures of the daring Haku (voiced by Chiaki Kuriyama). He's off to tell the stories of the four seasons to King Oh in Crystalinks, a place where the four seasons (and more) will play. With black-new Tony Kusunose, Youki Kudoh great behind-the-scenes bonus and the best bonus of all — not having to wait up late to catch it on NBC anymore.



THREE-IN-ONE PIECE!

ANIMANIA
4.0
out of 5

It's everyone's dream with One Piece! One-on-one battles have never exploded... until it's being run 1999-01-1995! And that's probably because RATCHET has for those who've seen it, patch the details for the first time from the prints going... You know, and like certain areas will be One Piece, like the 1999-01-1995. The last three CDs, including 1999-01-1995, are the ones that are considered. One piece, from Moon.

WORDS BY BEN HAWKES



ROBOTECH RETURNS!



WHO IS YOU mean you? I never even thought about meeting Elton John as he's known around the house as just plain Elton. That name made me shudder. The Wizard of Oz has been a favorite film since I was a kid. Who has had more fun with "The Wizard" on this page? No catch-up on Elton. Just Elton.



Princess Tutu!

What's It All About? A new show from the creator of *Sally Melon*? That got your attention, I'll bet! Cluny-based student Ahru (which means "duck" in Jikkenkot) is on a quest to recover the shattered pieces of her friend Muhi's heart. But those things are never as easy as they seem! Luckily, oh Professor Taro, Ahru's got some magic powers on her side. The complete comic collection is out on March 1 and features all manner of crazy characters and a big surprise about where our favorite *Sally Melon* duck has



**Awesomeness
MAY FUNCTION
AS INTENDED.**

EARTHSEA to AUSSIES!

If the Cagliostro bit didn't sate your Ghibli appetite, how's this: it's just been announced that the all-star studio's *Tales from Earthsea* is coming to our shores in the near future. Various legal hassles has had the movie's release outside of Japan in doubt recently, but that seems to have all been settled! Phew! Will we see it in cinemas? Who will be providing voices? How much longer will we be waiting? What's the square root of blue?! More info as it becomes available! **(1)**





ROBOTECH

Robotech, one of the most popular animated series of the '80s, is back! The TV series, leading an all-new wave of popularity with the release of the sequel movie, *The Shadow Chronicles*. Don't worry—you haven't seen the entire 75-episode epic. *Animania* has assembled this injury guide to the original, as well as a sneak preview into what happens next!



The Macross Saga

The Macross Saga

In a world engulfed in a seemingly never-ending war, the one thing that could bring about peace was the arrival of a huge space ship falling from the sky. This vessel crash-landed on Earth and was damaged and covered in alien humanoids rebuilt by aliens, growing an unexplainable love for human文明, which allowed them to build its own council (Teamwork) of robots. On this day, that the newly formed SDI II was preparing to launch, the world with zero knowledge came to Earth looking for their missing big brother. The inhabitants of the world then taken forever. Finally awakened by the aliens, gaining a sense of human culture and the two races negotiating, Vice pilot Macross, may have come to returning the planet used with Earth's people. I think we look at SDI II and its explore the members of your



EAT THE HAIRSPRAY!

The Masters

The first world war was not fought however on the Robotech Masters Field of battle, it was on Earth. The Masters desired the Psycho energy from that the humans had cultivated from the SDF-1. All who stood in their way. Humans and Psycho-oids were used to the war. The Robotech Masters however eventually managed to defeat the invaders, but that didn't cost the destruction of Earth's population. The last of them had to battle predators from the galaxy, we were selected other than the planet to go to the planet of the Psycho-oids.

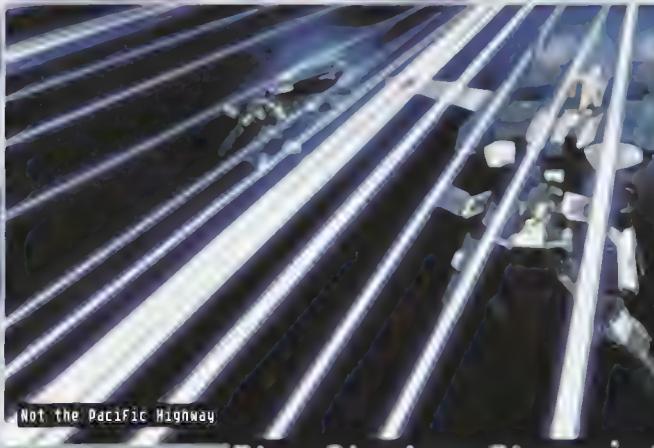


The New Generation

With the original generation of animators moving on to other projects, the animation industry is in need of a new generation. And that's where the new generation comes in. They're young, energetic, and full of talent. They're also the future of animation.



THE NEW GENERATION



Not the Pacific Highway



The Shadow Chronicles

Finally, after years of waiting, the much-anticipated Robotech movie continues with victory over the mid-sized, balding man in a weird black beret and coat who seems to have the incoming super-virus under control. But the good guys have just had to go away, where will they start? In the pacific West and Unknown as it is with the arrival of Robotech by another Fox television franchise. They've acquired yet another division if the movie has already been shown in a small number of conventions around the world. Now, however, it's time for you to get involved... with futuristic weapons, corrupted spaceborgs and robot battles... and even some star polymeric voices. More news will take know-

ledge from Bill Ward, will be winding his law office along with other stars of the television and anime world. Of course, he will be appearing in person on March 15th, and it's a story that's hard to believe because it's about more than just the movie.

Robotron: The Shadow Chronicles will be released on DVD on March 16th, with a limited edition of documentaries. The original Robotech TV series is available now in a striking and impressive yellow box with 14 episodes on DVD in total.

Check out our cool Anime quiz!

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Find these hidden words!

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NARUTO	MACROSS	HOWL
SHURIKEN	HUNTER	RAMEN
ZOLO	FRIEZA	YUGI
GOKU	RENTON	KAIBA

LANGUAGE Lessons

Japan is the world's main exporter of...
 starting General! The Japanese language is
 about as different from English as any you can
 find. In ANIMA it's cool to mix with the
 honey words and reflected words that frequently
 enter in getting you words from things
 around you. Strange look, eh?

This month: Space and stuff.

Show this month over and may belong to
 Kobayashi, here are a couple of words relating
 to food, not food in food.

THIS MONTH: NINJA STUFF!

To go with our focus to master martial arts
 here are some of the big words to

UCHI

Outer village or the universe

KAISEN

Outer - both

AKOUMA - god

TAIKYOU - captain

SHOUN - training

TAIKYOUIN - -

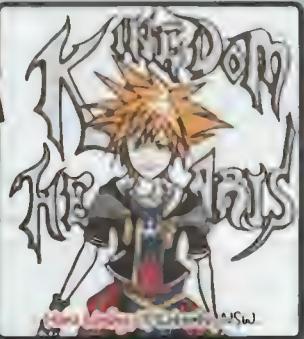
So, that means Rock Ninja should be a Rockin' Rockin' Rockin' Macaroni

Where do letters at? Come back, we'll see you
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 your own question, this letter column will mostly
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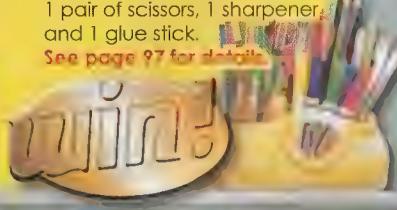


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We've got the answers to all your questions about the 2007 Penguin Books catalog and we're giving you a chance to win! Check back next month for more details on how to enter our competition. Details on the competition and more Penguin Books catalog information can be found online at www.penguin.com. The contest ends January 15, 2007. For official rules, visit www.penguin.com/contests.



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Championship manager PS2

The sports management franchise has been around since 1991 and Championship Manager 2007 released for the PS2 in November 2006. It's time to get a second chance to become the manager of your favorite football team. You'll manage your team through the seasons, managing your players and trying to keep them happy while you try to win the title. The game is available now for the PlayStation 2.



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TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

Next month sees the release of Season 5 of this RAD series on DVD, and to celebrate, we have 10 awesome prize packs up for grabs! Each one contains a copy of the DVD Season 5: Ninja Tribunal and Season 1: Super Wallet! Watch these heroes in a half-shell over and over with this prize. Cowabunga dudes!



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YOU DROPPED YOUR MEAT PIE ON THE CANTEEN FLOOR. WHAT DO YOU DO?

- A) Scoop it right up - along with old chewing gum, mud and rubbish - and carry on eating.
- B) You make a decision based on the five-second rule and how dirty the floor is.
- C) Buy another one.

YOU'VE JUST MADE A BEER SPLASH, BUT YOU'RE LUSTING TO GO ANOTHER TWO. DO YOU?

- A) Get it off you by sitting on the toilet. Hey, you're a multi-tasking god!
- B) Stuff as much of it as you can in your mouth before going into the bathroom.
- C) Leave it in the kitchen and upon your return, wash your hands thoroughly before scoffing it down.

MOSTLY A'S:

You are one kick ass! You definitely got the rewards for the Most Revolting Maniac.

MOSTLY B'S:

You're pretty cool but you still have a little way to go before winning best-farting world winning titles... on you!

MOSTLY C'S:

You are the most un-grossed out person ever! A real geek, you've got all about hygiene and manners.

Like to munch on ya boogers and play with dog poo? Reckon you're the most disgusting Maniac around? Take our quiz to find out how revolting you really are...

DO YOU EVER SPIT OUT CIGARETTES IN PUBLIC?

- A) Not every day, just to watch the horrified expressions of those around.
- B) Once or twice. It rarely made you sick.
- C) Every day.

YOU'RE IN MATHS AND IT'S HARD TO FOCUS. YOU...

- A) Get it out of the your shirt pocket and flick away your notes.
- B) Turn yourself upside down and write the sums you get on the floor.
- C) Hold it in until you're really full.

YOU'VE GOT A HORRIBLY SMELLY VOMIT. WHAT DO YOU DO?

- A) Puke it off, keeping the vomit.
- B) Pick some of it off and get back into your mouth.
- C) Leave it alone. The stink of raw fish will mask you taste.

YUCK!

Check out these gross World Records currently held. Something to aim for, we reckon!

* Bernard Clemmings from London farted for two minutes and 42 seconds!

* New Jersey's David Horrigan wore the same pair of socks for 20 years and 114 days. Stinky!

* Christine Martin from Sussex sat in a bath of maggots for one hour and 30 minutes.

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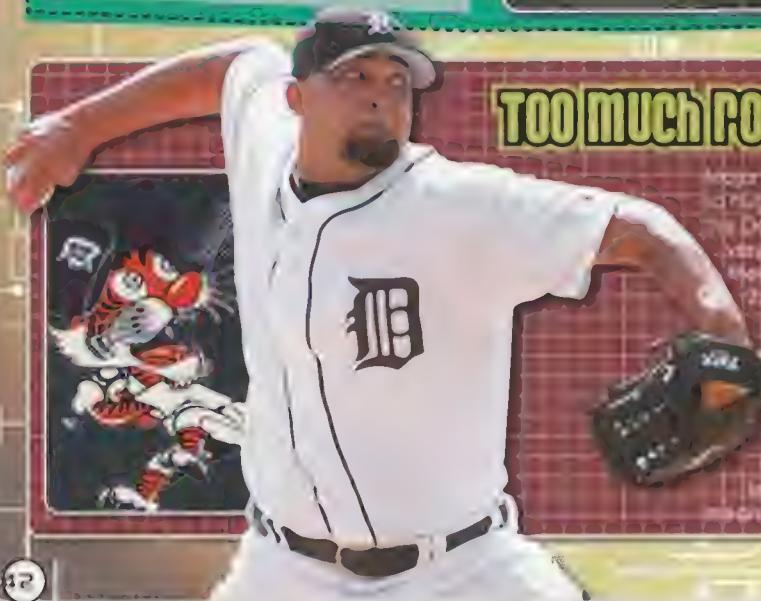
The popular PS3 action title *Final Fantasy VII* is getting a complete reworking. A whole new cast and weapons have been added together for the now-3D action RPG. It's shaping up to be a shooting frenzily kind of launch. And the title is surprising us with some pretty decent 3D graphics.

Oblivion Expands

The massive *Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion* mod, over 300 mod files, is going to get an additional expansion pack this year called The Shivering Isles. This add-on will deliver approximately 30 hours of game play. It adds a whole new dimension, new monsters and new dungeons. The game will never end!



Back off, bones!



TOO MUCH Rock 'n Roll

According to Bob Dylan, he's still a rockin' shambolic legend. But the Dylan songs were not very holiday music material. Now that the new album, *Time Out of Mind*, has come out, it's time to rock out. Dylan's 15th studio album is his best yet. He's got the "Rock & Roll" blues loaded here, actually mixed in with a healthy dose of traditional blues. A lot he can say about his bluesy soul.

Record TV with your Xbox 360!

Microsoft's entertainment division, Big Picture, recently announced that they plan to record a something called the Xbox 360 PTV service in 2008. PTV will allow you to watch TV on your 360 while talking to your friends over Live, as well as record TV shows to your 360 hard disk while playing other games. Sounds a bit likehardt 10.

PSP gets airborne

The final look for PSP's flight game, *Flight: Takeoff*, has been revealed. PSP's Flight: Takeoff is the latest PSP game to hit shelves in the year 2009, so it's likely we'll see more PSP flight games for us handheld flyers in the future.



Lara's one tough chick



Happy anniversary, Lara!

The very first Tomb Raider game released in 1996 is being re-made this year to mark the 10th anniversary of Tomb Raider. Using the original from Tomb Raider Legend, the game will re-create the classic bits of the first game - including the iconic Tree.



ELIOT'S TOP 5 GAMES OF THE MONTH

1. SAM MAX FREELANCE
POLICE - PC

(available from www.telltalegames.com)

2. FINAL FANTASY XII - PS2

3. WII SPORTS - Nintendo Wii

4. OKAMI - PS2

5. LOST PLANET - Xbox 360



SNEAK PEEK

FLIPPING OUT

Is it time for Tony Hawk to bail?

SKATE is an attempt by

Electronic Arts to hijack the skateboarding genre from Activision's popular Tony Hawk series, by delivering a fresh take on the skilful sport. Featuring pro skaters Danny Way and PJ Ladd, SKATE will let you cruise through a huge reactive skateboarding city and perform radical tricks in a whole new way – no more button-mashing combos required, apparently. The animation system will also be based around real-life skateboard physics, so the stunts you pull off will never really look or land the same way twice, which is bound to keep things interesting. Grinds, flips, grabs and all sorts of flatland tricks will also look awesome thanks to the intelligent camera system that captures the action like never before.

If you've never been a Hawk fan, then maybe SKATE is the game you've been waiting for.

GAME: Skate
PLATFORM: PS3,
Xbox 360
STYLE: Skateboarding

PUBLISHER:
Electronic Arts
AVAILABLE: TBC



RAD OR JUST MAD?! Danny Way was the first skater in the world to jump from a helicopter and land on a skate ramp. He's also jumped over the Great Wall of China. Extreme dude!

MAGIC AND MONSTERS

A schoolgirl with a powerdrill – yikes!



Parin is a young girl living with her grandfather in a small mining town. One day she discovers a hidden village of monsters through a crack in the wall behind her home (as you do). These monsters are actually kinda friendly though, and the real problem is an evil force of Phantoms.

Parin learns of a legendary Drill weapon that can vanquish the Phantoms, so she sets out to find it and save her monster buddies from being wiped out of existence.

With lots of mini-games, boss battles and puzzle-packed dungeons, Gurumin is the kind of crazy

GAME: Gurumin: A Monstrous Adventure
PLATFORM: PSP

STYLE: RPG
PUBLISHER: Mastiff
AVAILABLE: TBC

Japanese-style fantasy adventure that will have you hooked. When you get your hands on the drill, you'll discover that you can destroy almost any object in the game with it. Destruction in the name of saving the world – we love it!



AMBER'S IN THE HOOD The voice of Parin will be performed by Amber Hood, a voice actor from *A Shark Tale* and *The Polar Express*. She's already had plenty of experience playing characters in *Everquest II*, *Baldur's Gate* and *Onimusha II*.

WEIRD SCIENCE

Nature versus technology...
Fight, fight, fight!

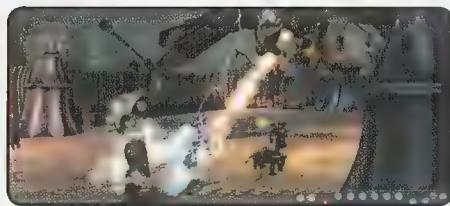


If you're into games like NeverWinter Nights 2, Guild Wars and World of Warcraft, Silverfall will be the next hot game on your wish list. Create a human, elf, troll or goblin and choose to side with the power of Mother Nature or the deadly science of technology gone mad. How you play and the decisions you make will determine the fate of the imaginative world of Nelwe and how your character develops their skills and abilities. You may even acquire the power to transform into a spooky werebeast!

GAME TYPE:
PLATFORM: PC
STYLE: ACTION-RPG

PUBLISHER: ATARI
AVAILABLE: TBC

With more than 150 different creatures to battle with and over 130 skills and spells to use, it'll take you ages to uncover all the secrets this game has to offer – from the flying Zeppelin city of Cloudworks to the mage volcano of Brazer.



FRIEND OR FOE? Two multiplayer modes will let you enjoy the game w/in friends online. Either go head-to-head in the Player Versus Player action, or gather eight friends together and play through the story co-operatively.

SQUEAKY AND FREAKY

That pink puff ball Kirby is back in action!



GAME TYPE:
SOLITAIRE
PLATFORM:
NINTENDO DS

PLAYERS:
ONE
PUBLISHER:
HAL FILIAU
AVAILABLE: MARCH

Ever wanted to see the inside of Kirby's stomach? Gross. But that's exactly what you'll have to do in this new DS game from Nintendo! The bottom screen of the DS displays whatever Kirby has just inhaled into his innards, allowing you to touch the items and mix them together to give him a crazy new ability.

The aim of the game is to hunt down a series of hidden treasure chests that have been stashed away by a thieving group of mice known as the Squeaks. To sniff out all the

secrets in each level you'll have to use Kirby's morphing powers to melt rocks of ice, burn trees that are blocking your path and solve other brain-melting puzzles. He's pretty cool for a rounded rosy lump!



COLOUR ME PINK! Kirby's creator, Masahiro Sakurai, always intended for Kirby to be pink, however legendary Nintendo designer Shigeru Miyamoto (Mario, Donkey Kong, Zelda), always wanted Kirby to be yellow!



FEATURE

Connect it to the internet and the Nintendo Wii opens up to all sorts of interesting goodies. Play Mario's first game, explore planet Earth and send a virtual version of yourself into cyberspace... it's just the beginning!



HIT WITH THE UGLY STICK

You'll break up laughing when you play with the Miitomo creation tools. Try making a wacky version of your friend's look like Morgan, or giving your Mii a mouse face! Of course, you could just make everyone beautiful and then allow them to go pose in the Mi Plaza.

FAMOUS MIIS

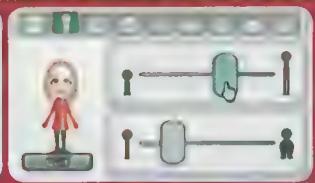
Check out the albums on forums, Miitomo.com for some of the funny celebrity Miis. Many Miitomo Wii fans have been creating



JACK BLACK

THE WIDE

WE GO CHANNEL SURFING ON NINTENDO'S CLEVER NEW CONSOLE!



LOOK AT MII, LOOK AT MIIIIII

The Miitomo Channel should be your first port of call when you log in to your Wii for the very first time. This is where you can choose a new character called a Mii to represent you online.

Once created, each Mii is stored in memory on the Nintendo 3DS you can load your character – and your virtual self – to the Mario Kart 3DS. And while you do that, download various Miitomo games with the Mii as the actual game itself (in Wi-Fi Sports or Mario Kart 3DS Mario Kart) and you'll find yourself racing in the various mini-games. How cool is that? The Wii can store over 100 Miis, so your family and friends can create Miis too.

MII PLAZA

Once you've registered some friends to your Wi-Fi address book, you can set each of your Miis' images. This means your Wii will always know who's who in your Miitomo. We've been over the net, so you'll be back in the Mi Plaza and Mi Plaza Online just might start to see a few visitors arrive to hang out with their own Miis across the network.



DIGITAL DABBING

The Wi-Fi Photo Channel allows you to upload photos from an SD card like your mobile phone or camera. Once uploaded, then you can edit with all sorts of photo-editing tools. You can then add background and special effects, create slide shows – you can even turn your photos into iPhone-esque Live Wallpapers! We love that you can upload an MP3 file to the Photo Channel to be used as background music when viewing your photos. Some more fun can also happen in Live Photo mode.



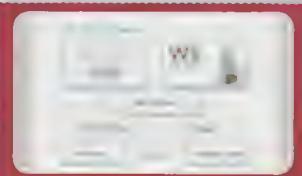
WORLD OF WII



MAKING FRIENDS

In the bottom corner of the Wii Home menu there is a little smiley face icon. Clicked it takes you to the Wii Address Book and Messageboard function. Each Wii has a specific code number which you can find out here. Once you get the code numbers off your friends, you can add them to your address book and start sharing messages, photos, AVs and more.

If more than one person in your family uses your Wii, you can also select their profiles. Be sure to add others to the friends list.



LET'S GO SHOPPING

The Wii Shop channel is where you're going to be able to buy off lots of classic games from N64, NDS, Super N64, MM, Majora's Mask and other classic games console. You'll also be able to purchase new channels for your Wii or Nintendo creative and robotics items too from here.

It's going to rain tomorrow? The TV can tell you, maybe a wild weather channel might warn about the rain or warning your Granma's under. But if Nintendo have made it fun (RAM only), can you get into the TV instead? Today's forecast and tomorrow's weather forecast about anything on the planet. It's a very cool virtual globe feature will you fly, spin and zoom around the planet Earth looking for cool places and info. It's not as detailed as Google Earth, but you never know how you'll might end up in the future.

Additionally, if your Wii is always connected to the Net, some bonus Mario access the weather details and change the weather in the game you're playing - Midtown NR, 97 Octave, etc etc.

GO TO THE OPERA

The Web browser Channel is available when you download the Opera Web browser from the WiiShop channel. Once it's set up you can point and click at the Web and surf the net just as you would on a PC or Mac.

FINGER ON THE PULSE

The News Channel will get you the latest news, headlines and stories and score them next in the one funny voice. If you want to see what's happening out in the real world...

STAY IN CONTROL

Because a lot of the old Wii games were designed for a tank pad and not a nunchuk, many games require you to purchase the Wiimote Adapter, which can plug into the remote just like the Nunchuk.

JUST GIVE ME GAMES!



ALTERED BEAST



ECCO THE DOLPHIN



GOLDEN AXE



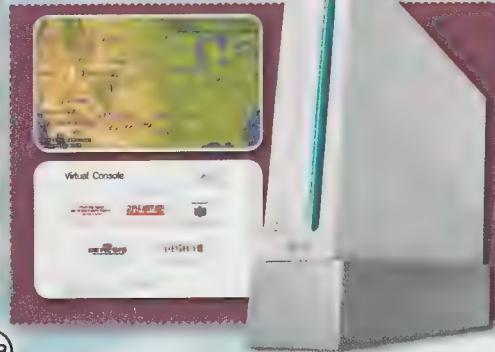
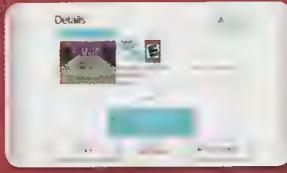
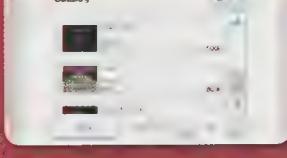
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG



SPACE HARRIER

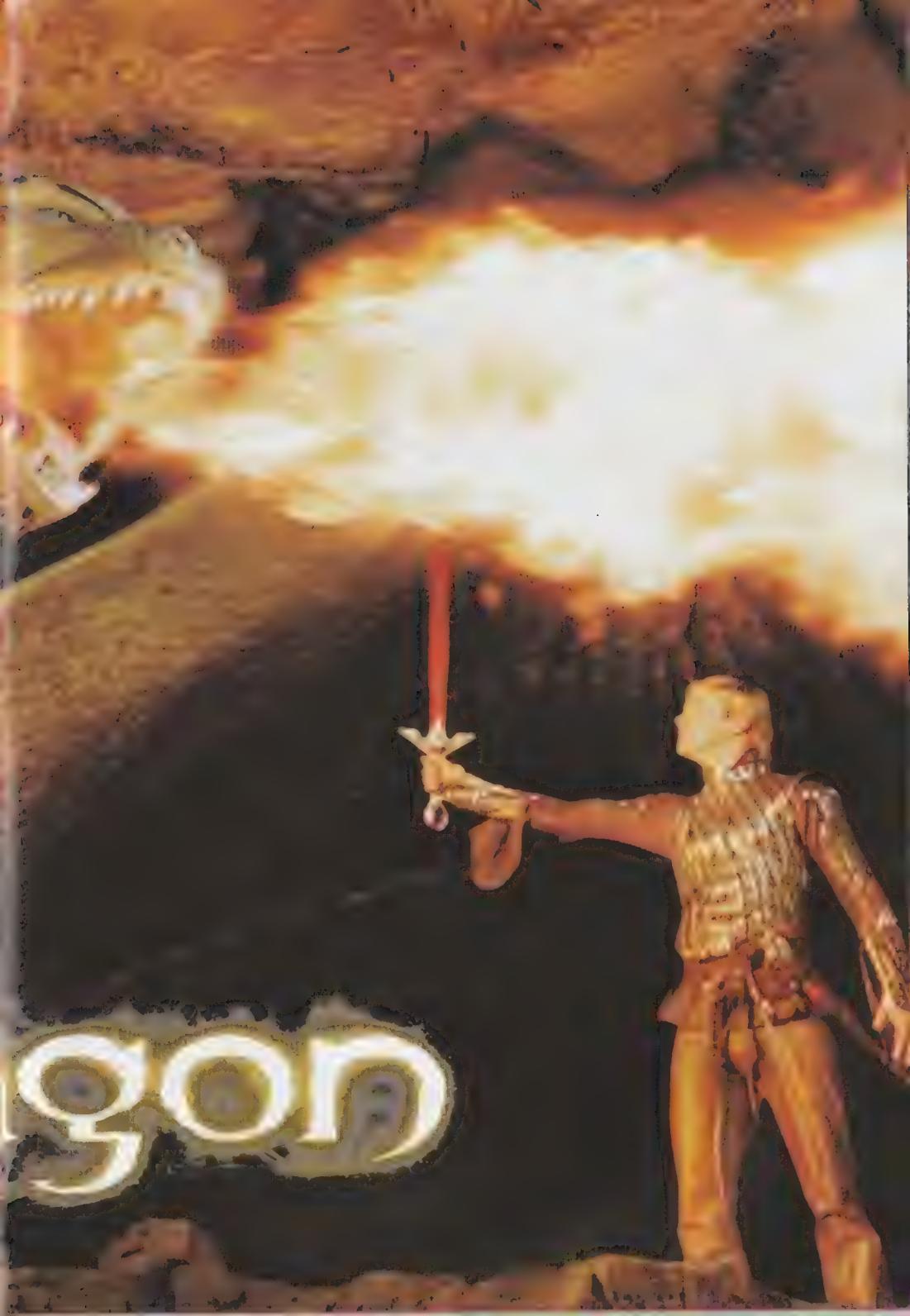


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GETTING YOUR WII CONNECTED

out of the box. The Wi-Fi will only connect to the Internet if you have a wireless modem or router at home. If you can only connect by a physical Ethernet cable, then you'll have to get a special wireless USB or Ethernet adapter. Once you've hooked up, you can switch on the WiConnect24 feature that will keep your router running and surfing even when you're Wi-Fi and the Web.



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**ULTIMATE
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REVIEWS

Catch it!

Finish off!

Hula!
How smooth
are you?

Game: WarioWare Smooth Moves
Platform: Nintendo Wii.
Style: Mini-games.
Publisher: Nintendo.
Price: \$79.95.
Available: Now.

Gimme five!



THE ULTIMATE CO-ORDINATION TEST!

There was a time when gamers demanded their games were all epic adventures that lasted for 50 hours or more, but when the quirky WarioWare hit the Game Boy Advance everyone realised that even mini-games lasting a few seconds could be totally awesome too! Finally, WarioWare has made it to the big screen with Smooth Moves, the perfect game to show off the Wii remote's amazing motion control.

WAVE THE MAGIC WAND

Like all the other WarioWare games, there's a full cast of characters here each with their own little story to tell. You can select which character's collection of mini-games you want to play just by pointing at the city map on the screen with the magical wireless Wii remote. When the manic mini-games kick in, you'll suddenly find yourself having to leap around like a total whacko – but like the narrator in the game advises, "Lose your inhibitions".

To win at the various games, you'll have to hold the Wii remote a specific way – for instance, gripping it in both hands like bicycle handlebars, holding it up near your face like a long elephant nose, lying it flat on the table in front of you or even holding it like a Samurai sword. You then have a few split seconds to perform whatever the task requires, like sticking false teeth into the mouth of a wrinkly granny, shaking ants off a banana, scrubbing the backside of

a cow or steering a car to a finish line. The variety of games is insane and there are over 200 of them!

We love the fact that your "Mii" (the character you create in the Wii main menu that looks like yourself), sometimes appears in the mini-games.

HOT: The sheer variety, crazy humour and physical interaction.

NOT: Some mini-games are really confusing the first time you play.

Flying Controllers

Here's a good idea for playing Smooth Moves: Hold the wrist strap that comes with your Wii remote. The remote can get so frantic that the last thing you want is the remote flying from your hand and out of the living room window!

Get a GRIP!



**maniac
GAMER**

Jay, 10,
Huntingdale,
VIC.

Tony Hawk's Underground 2

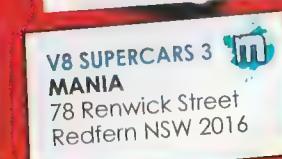
Platform: PS2

I love Tony Hawk's Underground 2 because you don't just try to get as many points as you can. You can do missions as other skaters, riding crazy new vehicles. Also you can create graphics and spray-paint them on walls. Some of the vehicles you can ride are a mechanical bull, a three wheeled tricycle and a gas-powered skateboard.



V8 SUPERCARS 3: SHOOTOUT

FOR PSP!



Maniac, like your entries? I have to say I'm really impressed by the PSP racing games. You need more drivers to play away from me though. We're looking for 10 more drivers to race against the best of the best. If you succeed to get selected you'll be a part of the competition you've wanted to do all along. You're going to be a champion! Want your own PSP racing game? Well here are some tips:

Send your entries to:

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The TV strikes back

Well, it's not quite Star Wars movies. George Lucas' in-caracter training on our TV screen is now in your game world. The prequel games have already shown off their own spin-off and spin-off spin-offs, and the third one is here. It's a bit like Star Wars meets Star Trek.

Jaws had a little fun with it.

HOT: *Star Wars Lethal Alliance*

NOT: *Star Wars Lethal Alliance*

Game: Star Wars Lethal Alliance

Platforms: PSP, Nintendo DS

Style: Action.

Publisher: Ubisoft.

Price: \$79.95.

Available: Now.

FEEL THE FORCE



SET YOUR BLASTERS TO STUN

This is the first Star Wars game for the PSP and it's a pretty good debut if we do say so. Playing as the female Twi'lek mercenary Rianna Saren, your ultimate aim will be to help steal the plans for the Death Star (the game takes place between Revenge of the Sith and A New Hope).

Our first impressions of Lethal Alliance was that Rianna moves and fights a lot like Lara Croft from Tomb Raider, but there are plenty of original ideas here to help make it feel more like a Star Wars romp than just a run and gun game. Rianna has a droid sidekick named Zeeo who can hack computers, stun enemies and also be used by Rianna as something to grab onto when she needs to do something acrobatic! The game looks great, but it is mostly about blasting at bounty hunters and stormtroopers which can get repetitive.

maniac GAMER

Tamika, 8, Geeveston, TAS.

Animal Crossing

maniac My favourite game is Animal Crossing. The characters are all sorts of animals that give me pictures of themselves so I can put them in my house and remember them. When I pay my house loan I can buy a bigger house. I also love all the fish and sell them to Tom Nook for money but I do keep the goldfish for my house. This game is the coolest - I cannot put it down.

Platform: Nintendo DS.



Tamika wins an awesome PS2 game from Atari!

BLISS ISLAND

FOR PSP!

Three days ago we announced our competition to find the best PSP game of the year. Now it's time to pick the winners! So far we've had over 100 entries from around the world. We're still accepting entries until Friday 12th August. To enter, simply upload your game to the competition page on the website and include a short review of what you think makes your game stand out.

Everyone submitted their game, so we'll now be picking three winners. All three will receive a copy of the game to download and a chance to win a limited edition PSP console. So what are you waiting for? Enter now!



Send your entries to:

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Game: Bionicle Heroes. **Platform:** Xbox 360, PS2, PC. **Style:** Action. **Publisher:** Eidos. **Price:** \$89.95. **Available:** Now.

HOT: Funny
challenges and some
great LEGO building
opportunities.

NOT: The stiff
camera angle
doesn't help.



THE LEGO LEGEND LIVES



BATTLES, BRICKS AND BIONICS, OH MY!

The same company behind Lego Star Wars has returned with an action-packed adventure based on Lego's cool Bionicle range. Just like Lego Star Wars, everything is made with actual Lego pieces, allowing you to blow stuff up into thousands of bricks that can be individually collected. If there's one thing more fun than

building Lego, it's smashing it apart again! You play as Toa Inika and can transform between a number of different Toa heroes to give you access to powerful new weapons and abilities. It does become addictive trying to hunt down all the special Lego items and as many bricks as you can possibly find, but there are a few weird problems with this game.

The camera perspective feels "stuck" behind Inika's shoulder, making the point and shoot battles feel confusing. Moving around also feels more like "skating" than walking, which takes some getting used to – this isn't Bio

Wacky Names: All the Matoran naming schemes used in Bionicle are actually limited to Polynesian language and mythologies, but the majority is the local word for something.



Don't call me "pointy ears!"



Wii Play

Platform: Nintendo Wii



PLATINUM MEDALS

After you play all nine games, go back and earn gold and even platinum medals if you're really good.

Billiards platinum medal – Earn 65 points or more

Find Mii platinum medal – Get to 100th stage

Fishing platinum medal – Score over 2500 points

Laser Hockey platinum medal – Score at least 16 goals and win the match

Pose Mii platinum medal – Earn over 1000 points

Shooting Range platinum medal – Earn over 600 points

Table Tennis platinum medal – Return the ball over 200 times without missing



The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess

Platform: Nintendo Wii

WALLET UPGRADES

 If you want to carry more rupees in your wallet, collect golden bugs for Agitha in Castle Town. Bring her the first bug and you'll get the Big Wallet, return all 24 bugs to her and you'll get the giant wallet.

QUIVER UPDATES

To be able to carry more arrows in your quiver, win the 'STAR' circus game in Castle Town. In order to win, you'll have to have the Clawshot and know how to quickly shoot from wall to wall so that you suck up as many orbs as possible in the one move. Win the game twice and you'll receive two progressively larger quivers.

BOMB BAG UPDATES

The first bomb bag upgrade is available at the bomb shop in Kakariko village. The second can be found in the Zora throne room – destroy the giant rock to free a Goron who will reward you. Get the last two bomb bags by helping out the river gal and winning her mini-game challenge.

Excite Truck

Platform: Nintendo Wii



UNLOCKABLES

Crazy Monster Truck: S-Rank all races in Mirror race mode

Mirror Race Mode: Obtain S-Rank on all tracks on Super Excite race mode

Monster Truck: Unlock the alternate paint jobs for the other 19 trucks

New Paint Job: Win 10 races with a single truck

New Paint Job (Alternate Method): Finish three races with an S ranking using a single truck

Special Race Icons: Get all S grades in Super Challenge Mode

Super Excite Mode: Clear all races in excite mode with an S grade rating

Children of Mana

Platform:
Nintendo DS.



HIDDEN BONUS DUNGEON

When you've nearly finished the game, equip an elemental spirit and speak to that same spirit in the Mana Village. The spirit should send you on a quest to meet the Benevodon of the corresponding element in another dungeon, and you'll obtain a special item for doing the quest. Repeat this process for the other seven elemental spirits and once you've gotten all eight items, finish the main game as normal. When you return to the Mana Village after the ending, the Mana Tree mural will be glowing. Approach it and you'll be transported to the secret bonus dungeon, complete with new enemies.



Thrillville

Platform: PSP.



CHEAT CODES

You can enter these codes during the game in any of the parks.

Square, Circle, Triangle, Square, Circle,

Triangle, Square: All parks

Square, Circle, Triangle, Square Circle,

Triangle, Triangle: All rides

Square, Circle, Triangle, Square, Circle,

Triangle, X: Extra \$50,000

Tony Hawk's Downhill Jam

Platform: Nintendo Wii.



PASSWORDS

IAmBob – Perfect Stats

FourLights – Picasso Skater

TonyFishDownhillJam – Power Of The Fish!

BirdBirdBirdBird – Really Large Birds

ChimneySweep – Shadow Skater

ShrinkThePeople – Tiny People

RaidTheWoodshed – Unlock All Boards & Outfits

AdventuresOfKwang – Unlock All Events

FreeBozzler – Unlock All Movies

ImInterfacing – Unlock All Skaters



PASSWORDS

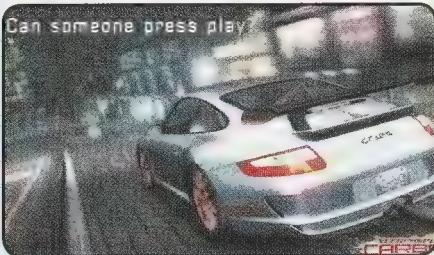
PoniHogger – Always Special
HelloHelium – Chipmunk Voices
EvilChimneySweep – Demon Skater
WatchForDoors – Extreme Car Crashes
FirstPersonJam – First Person Skater
OotbaghForever – Free Boost
IWannaBeTallITall – Giganto-Skater
NowYouSeeMe – Invisible Skater
BirdBirdBirdBird – Large Birds
DownTheRabbitHole – Mini Skater
TightRopeWalker – Perfect Manual
LikeTiltinAPlate – Perfect Rail

Need For Speed: Carbon

Platform: PS2.

CHEAT CODES

Down, Up, Left, Down, Right, Up,
Square, Triangle – Extra money
Left, Up, Left, Down, Left, Down, Right, Square – Infinite Nitrous
Down, Up, Up, Right, Left, Left, Right, Square – Unlimited Crew Charge
Down, Right, Right, Left, Right, Up, Down,
Square – Unlimited Speedbreaker
Right, Up, Down, Up, Down, Left, Right, Square – Unlock NFS: Carbon Vinyl
Up, Up, Down, Down, Down, Up,
Square – Cardboard Box and Driver Vinyl



Marvel Ultimate Alliance

Platform: Xbox 360.

CHARACTER COMBO BONUSES

Combining certain characters can reward you with team bonuses. Try out these!

Agents of SHIELD: Captain America, Nick Fury, Spider-Woman, Wolverine

Agile Warriors: Spider-Man, Spider-Woman, Elektra, Deadpool

Air Force: Human Torch, Ms. Marvel, Storm, Thor

Alternate Identities: Ironman - War Machine, Ghost Rider - Western, Spider-Woman - Secret Wars, Ms. Marvel - Ventura, Thor - Beta Ray Bill

Assassins: Blade, Deadpool, Elektra, Wolverine

Avengers: Captain America, Thor, Iron Man, Spider-Woman, Ms. Marvel

Bad to the Bone: Blade, Ghost Rider, Luke Cage, Wolverine

Bruisers: Thing, Captain America, Luke Cage, Ms. Marvel

Classic Avengers: Black Panther, Captain America, Iron Man, Thor

Dark Past: Blade, Elektra, Ghost Rider, Spider-Woman

Defenders: Dr. Strange, Iceman, Luke Cage, Silver Surfer

Double Date: Black Panther, Invisible Woman, Mr. Fantastic, Storm

Fantastic Four: Mr. Fantastic, Invisible Woman, Human Torch, Thing

Femme Fatale: Ms. Marvel, Storm, Invisible Woman, Elektra, Spider-Woman

Flashback: Iceman in Snowy Form, Captain America in

WW2, Daredevil in Original, Ghost Rider in Original, Iron Man in Classic, Orig. Ms. Marvel, Classic Wolverine

Martial Artists: Black Panther, Captain America, Daredevil, Moon Knight, Nick Fury

Marvel Knights: Black Panther, Daredevil, Dr. Strange, Luke Cage, Spider-Man, Moon Knight

Marvel Royalty: Black

The Legend of Spyro: A New Beginning

Platform: PS2.



INFINITE HEALTH CHEAT

Pause the game and then enter this cheat:
Up, Up, Down, Down, Left, Right, Left, Right, L1, L1, R1, R1.

You should hear a sound that confirms you entered the cheat correctly.

ELIJAH WOOD INTERVIEW

When you finish the game for the first time, take a look in the main menu for a new "Extras" option. There's an interview with Lord of the Rings actor Elijah Woods here.



BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW

A company in Taiwan makes plates out of wheat that can be eaten after your meal. No more washing up, woooohoo!



...and there's helping out at the beach. Some beach towns and towns in the mountains, performed acrobatics and helped tourists.

The Italian government hires inspectors to make sure restaurant owners abide by their pizza rules, including how thick the crust is and the temperature at which pizzas are cooked. Talk about pizza perfection!

The ancient Romans had a shortcut to clean up after meals. You wouldn't want to be around them—some of the food they ate stank so strongly it could knock you over.

Remember the movie *Madagascar*? The island-hopping penguins? Who knew that the penguins in *Madagascar* had been imported from South Africa to a movie studio in Los Angeles?



If the sun is the road
between day and night,
the sky is the road
between day and night.
Highway in the clouds
with no end.

bad day at school? At least you're not a toad. They were the people who worked in the London sewers in the olden days hunting for anything that might have fallen in by mistake!

Gross!

hidden
treasures?

Tommy's dad was a Warden from Google until he got his all points back after the fire-breather ate his house. He had learned from the fire that it had been started

CHEMICALS

mini
mohawk

The world's loudest bone was recorded at a massive 118.1 decibels. That's like some car aeroplanes taking off.

£1000
£1000 a day
is now
youristic cost
of a film role

THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX

JOIN THE ORDER FOR THE LATEST HARRY NEWS!



Now we all know that in the new film Harry gets his first kiss from Cho Chang, whose boyfriend Cedric Diggory died in the Goblet of Fire. Both Daniel Radcliffe and Katie Leung (who plays Cho Chang), said they were both nervous about

filming the scene. Daniel says the relationship between Harry and Cho is complicated, which made the actual kiss itself an uncomfortable situation. According to Daniel, "There was a lot of courtesy chewing gum going on as well!" The final countdown for the film is on so you'll be able to judge for yourself what it's like. The wizard-mad MANIA team CAN'T WAIT!!

Hermoine Hits Back

Talking from the set of *Order of the Phoenix* actress Emma Watson, who plays girl-power wizard Hermoine, explains that her character is still an independent magic miss. "Hermoine really believes in herself," she says. In one scene when Ron and Hermoine are practising spells in the Room of Requirement he pays for making a silly comment about her spellcasting abilities. "It's patronising, it's just

everything she is against and she just takes him out – she doesn't hold back," smiles Emma. Ron, played by actor Rupert Grint grimaces at what happens, "I fly back when Hermoine disarms me, he (Ron) gets very embarrassed by that." We say, go girl!

BEHIND THE SCENES!



POTTER POSEURS

Test your Harry knowledge.

- What type of fabric were Draco Malfoy's robes made from at the Yule Ball?
- Who took the chunk out of Moody's nose?
- What weapons do the mermaids carry in Book Four, where Harry is in the lake trying to save Ron?
- What is the full name of the author of *Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them*?
- What does the spell 'Incendio' do?

ANSWERS: 1. Velvet. 2. Even Rosier. 3. Spikes. 4. Newt. 5. Wizard's. 6. Kicks Scumdogger. 7. It starts off like burning.

Your Theories

Hey Mania,

My theory is that in the seventh book Harry will kill Voldemort, but just before Voldemort dies Harry will be killed! Ron will end up loving Luna Lovegood and Hermoine goes to the bad side and teams up with Malfoy! Malfoy thinks Snape helped Harry kill Voldemort so he kills him! The new Defence Against The Dark Arts teacher is just as bad as Snape! And this happens because Wormtail finds a spell in one of Voldemort's spell books that can change you into anyone you want (and takes six months to make)!

Freya Carr, 10, Tarzali, Qld.

Wow! That's an awesome number of theories Freya! We're not too keen on the thought of Hermoine deserting her boys to join Malfoy, but that spell of Voldemort's does sound very sinister indeed!

HOGWARTS GALLERY

Portrait of a Hero

Hi MANIA - In the Goblet of Fire I nearly screamed when Cedric died! I think Professor Umbridge, Cornelius Fudge and Percy are really mean!

Eli Dangerfield, 8, Glenalta, SA.

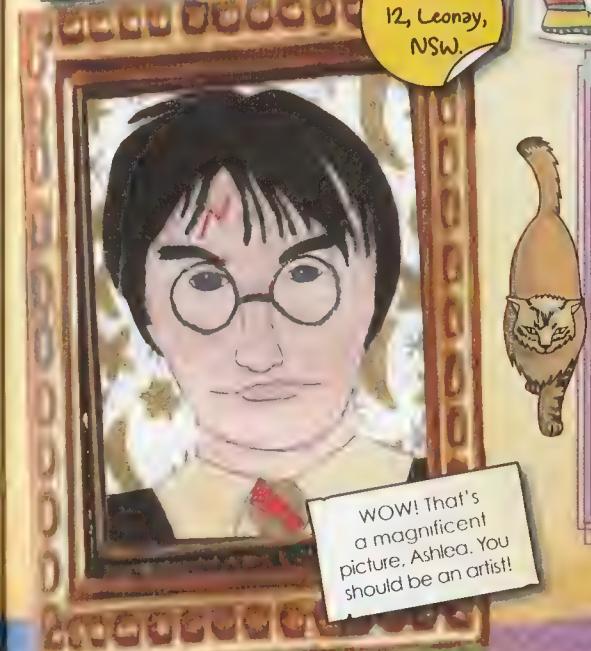
We nearly screamed as well Eli! Awesome drawing too!!



Hi MANIA - I really like the Goblet of Fire, especially when Hermione yells out, 'I'm not an owl!' I can't wait until The Order of The Phoenix comes out.

Sam Brightman, 10, Waverly Downs, Curban, NSW.

We cracked up when Hermione said that! Your picture is amazing! Thanks for sending it to us!



TOTALLY GROSS!

SIGN UP for Harry Potter theories, reviews and artwork and you could win a cool prize. This month's winners score an awesome *Totally Gross* prize valued at \$44 from the cool witches and wizards at U Games. Make sure you include your age, address and a recent photo. Send your entry to:



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means "terrible claw" and didn't that the truth! With a claw on each foot, Deinodon-dude nipped his prey to shreds!

DEADLY

A wet-ya-pants look at the most terrifying dinosaurs ever! Read on, if you dare...

ROAR-ERAS!

DINOSAURS

WORLD

THE BIG FANS



TERRIFYING T-REX!

Without a doubt, T-Rex was the **WORST** of the worst! Check out our super-special profile of this little **big** dino.

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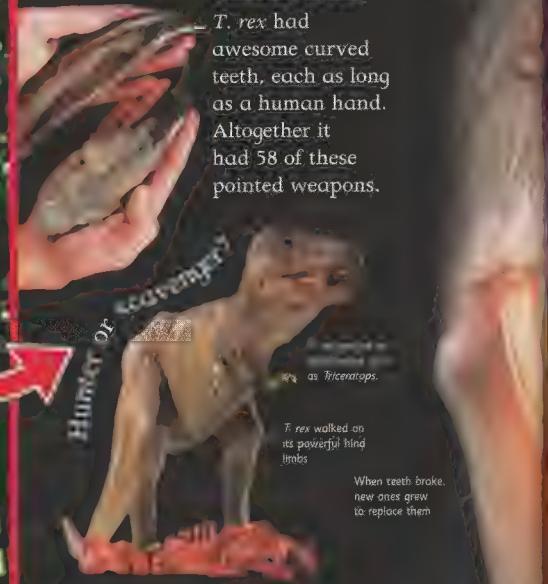
Cretaceous Dinosaurs

T. rex

The mighty *T. rex* roamed North America in the last couple of million years that dinosaurs ruled the planet.

Titanic teeth

T. rex had awesome curved teeth, each as long as a human hand. Altogether it had 58 of these pointed weapons.



as Triceratops.

T. rex walked on its powerful hind limbs

When teeth broke, new ones grew to replace them

Was it a killer?

We don't really know if *T. rex* was a hunter or a scavenger. It may have attacked and killed, or it may have picked at dead or dying dinosaurs. It may have done both.

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DID YOU KNOW?

After a lifetime of eating meat, a Tyrannosaurus Rex would have to eat about 100 kilograms of meat every day just to stay alive. That's about the same weight as a small car!

DINOS!



EXPERT OPINION!

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WHO'S DAY DINO?

Australopithecus bahrelghazali, the hominid fossil collection at the Australian Museum. My goal is to look after this collection of fossils.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE OR THE JOB?

Being part of the fossil collection team. We get to go to some very interesting and often very remote places!

SCARY DINOS?

I like the scariest dinosaurs—like the carnivores. The most terrible dinosaurs and their——they were really very scaring carnivores and there's that time they finished it partly, it would turn them red to end up at their lunch if they were made dinner now! They!



WHAT A WHOPPER!

What was the world's largest ever prehistoric land animal?

It was a hadrosaur called *Majungasaurus* in 1998. It's a plant-eating *lizard-hipped* dinosaur.



We've got five frighteningly rad dinosaur prize packs up for grabs, thanks to MRA Entertainment and Penguin Australia. Each pack contains a copy of the book, *Dinosaur Encyclopedia* as well as *Prehistoric Park* on DVD! All you have to do is draw us a picture of your fave ferocious dino! Send entries to:

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SEE IT
APRIL
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THE TURTLES ARE COMING

Can you believe you'll never have to go back again to play TMNT in real life? The original teenage mutant Ninja Turtles movie comes out in theaters this Friday May 1st, featuring Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello and Michelangelo being

played by the boys in green in a 3D live-action movie and this much-anticipated prequel to the original TMNT movie will be the cinematic highlight of summer.



In *How to Eat Fried Worms*, the film based on the best-selling book of the same name by writer Thomas Rockwell, disaster strikes 11-year-old Billy on the first day at his new school, when he accidentally upsets Joe, the school bully. Everyone is scared of Joe who is rumoured to own a death ring that has the power to kill you if you get punched by it! In order to save face and earn the respect of his new classmates, Billy challenges Joe to a worm-eating competition - yuck! The rules are simple. All 10 worms have to be eaten by 7pm and if you throw up, you lose. Billy and his mates start creating disgusting and hilarious worm recipes in order to beat the bully.

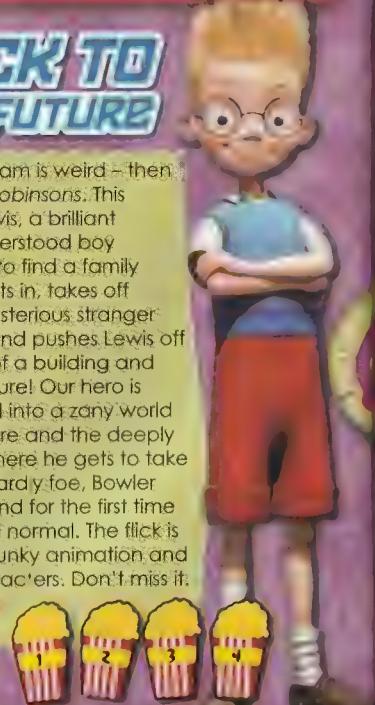
See it from March 11



BACK TO THE FUTURE

Think your fam is weird - then meet the Robinsons. This story of Lewis, a brilliant but misunderstood boy who longs to find a family where he fits in, takes off when a mysterious stranger shows up and pushes Lewis off the edge of a building and into the future! Our hero is catapulted into a zany world of adventure and the deeply strange, where he gets to take on his dastardly foe, Bowler Hat Guy, and for the first time gets to feel normal. The flick is filled with funky animation and quirky characters. Don't miss it!

In time now
March 29



Movies



Fantastic 4

The second of the Fantastic Four movies, *Spider-Man 2* has an extra star: an extremely cool flying car. Banking up there with the Batmobile in ultimate transport style, the Overstretch cruises at 50,000 feet and flies at 500 mph while jetting Thing, Human Torch, Invisible Woman and Mr. Fantastic around the planet so they can overcome their mortal enemy, Dr Doom. The final design of the marvellous vehicle was based on remote rays and ethnograms – schwoosh! Released June 21.



Dan spreads Wizard Wings

BEHIND THE SCENES! FILM GOSS

AMAZING MUTT

Underdog is now George Clooney's new animal! Based on the dream film of last year's hot dogger! "The underdog follows a well-meaning though also fractious team of dogs poohed for the unlikely racing against competition, a cocky pony, a cat with no tail and the best showbiz team!"



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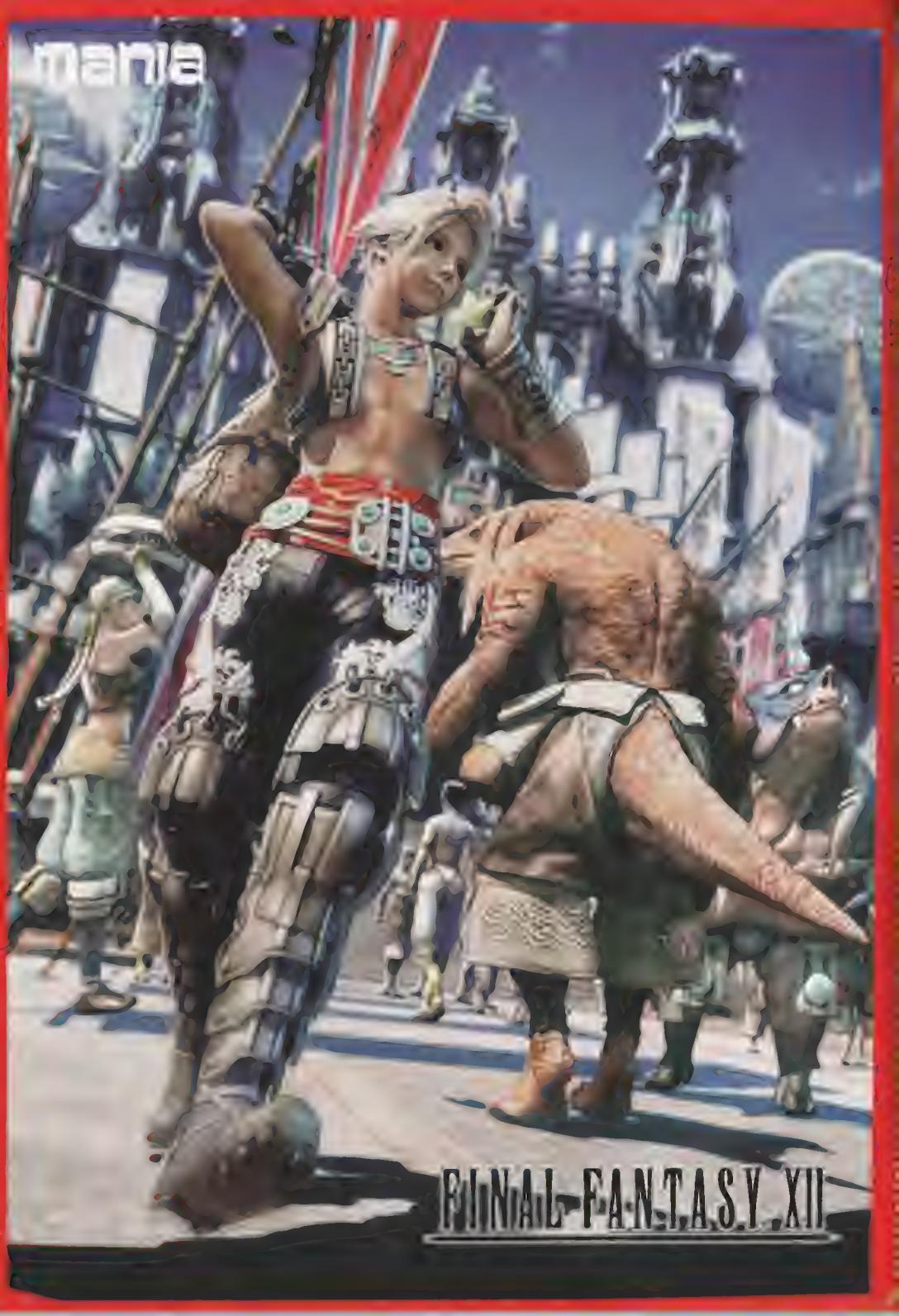
movie rating

RAT-A-TOUILLE



Size: Happy!





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FINAL FANTASY XII

MUHUAHHA!
Q: WHY DID THE
DINOSAUR CROSS
THE ROAD?
A: BECAUSE THERE
WEREN'T ANY CHICKENS
BACK THEN!



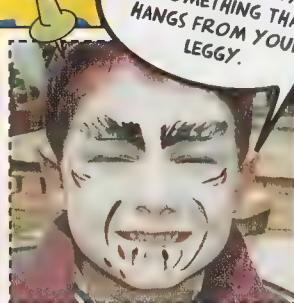
Cameron Bish, 11, Howick,
Auckland, NZ.

Q: WHY DID
FRANKENSTEIN SQUEEZE
HIS GIRLFRIEND?
A: BECAUSE HE HAD A
CRUSH ON HER.



Drew Miragliotta, 9,
Wonthella, WA.

Q: WHAT'S FOOTY?
A: SOMETHING THAT
HANGS FROM YOUR
LEGGY.



Jack Jones, 9, Medowie, NSW.

ROTFLMHO!

:D

MHO!

HU AHAA



Dean Rerden, 8,
Redwood Park, SA.

Q: WHAT DO YOU GET
WHEN YOU CROSS AN
ELEPHANT WITH A BIRD?
A: BROKEN TELEPHONE
LINES EVERYWHERE.



Rachel Callinan, 12,
Bauple, QLD.

HEHEHE!

Q: WHERE DO
PIRATES GET THEIR
HANDS?
A: AT THE SECOND-
HAND STORE.



Edan Clarke, 9, MacMasters
Beach, NSW.

Maniacs, make us all
laugh out loud with your
very best jokes!

ROTFLMHO!

SEND US YOUR BEST JOKE
AND A RECENT PHOTO TO
WIN A MIKE & JACK LOLLY
PACK WITH SOUR OOZE, BIG
HISSESS AND MORE!



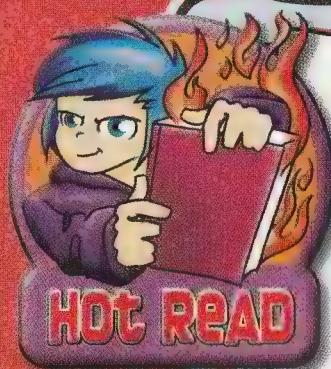
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See page 97 for details.

MUHUAHHA!

LOL!

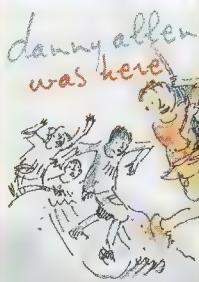
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**Maniacs! Check
out this funny
Aussie adventure.**

DANNY ALLEN WAS HERE

By Phil Cummings



PHIL CUMMINGS

WANNA READ MORE?

Then you'll need to
get a copy of:

TITLE: Danny Allen
Was Here

AUTHOR: Phil
Cummings

PRICE: \$14.95

PUBLISHER: Pan
Macmillan Australia

ON SALE: February 27

Danny Allen lives in Mundowie. For such a small town, there's always tons of things to do: tobogganing on the sand dunes near the haunted house, building tree houses, and trying to kick the football over the roof of the Mundowie Institute Hall. A cool book about growing up and going off in a country town!

'Coooooeeeeee!'

Danny lifted his eyes to the call from across the creek. Mark Thompson was on the far side, standing on a high cliff with his arms folded and tapping his right foot impatiently. He lived across the road from Danny and Sam, just down from the Mundowie Hall. This expedition was his idea.

He cupped his hands around his mouth and yelled, 'Get a move on, you guys!' Startled Galahs squawked from the trees. Mark was very loud.

Danny was puffing hard when he reached the sheep track. He hesitated at the top of the bank. He had a bird's-eye view of Sam running, out of control, arms waving wildly, onto the rocky creek bed. He was screaming and laughing at the same time. 'Aghahahaha.'

Amazingly, he didn't fall. Danny smiled thinly and looked down through the veil of his brother's scuffed-up dust. It was a long way down. Rocks jutted from the path and there were tree roots, crooked and claw-like, reaching in from the sides ready to scratch, cut and tear.

Breathing hard, with his toes hanging over the edge of the bank, Danny appraised the sheep track, steeling himself for the descent.

'Come on, Danny!' Mark bellowed impatiently. 'What are you waiting for? The stupid sheep can do it!'

Danny didn't want to be left behind and he didn't want anyone to think he was sillier than the sheep, so he bobbed down, took a deep breath, said, 'Here goes,' and started sliding.

The powdery dust offered no grip. Danny was immediately out of control. He tried to slow himself. He dug his heels in, but the soles of his shoes were well worn. His bum scraped the ground and the sharpest rocks bit into his pudgy flesh. 'Ow! Ow!' He rolled onto his hip. That didn't help. It hurt more. He thought he heard his pants rip. Gritty grains of dirt and muck flew up from his kicking feet and into his gaping mouth. When he closed his mouth he bit down on something soft, round and squashy like a pea. It tasted like sh... sheep dung. Yuck! Danny spat furiously.

He reached out desperately and clutched at a tuft of thick grass, but it was prickly. 'Yeow!' He quickly let it go. Next he snatched at a small bush, but it came right out of the ground – roots and all. Dirt rained down into his hair and eyes. On he skidded with no way to stop, faster and faster, scraping knees and elbows, chewing on dirt and... all sorts of things.

Nearing the bottom Danny suddenly thought about the boulders in the creek bed. They made boulder-sized lumps if you headbutted them. The creek bed was looming, but he had a plan. Danny always had a plan and this one was simple, well it sounded simple – stand up and run very fast. Danny's face was stretched with horrid anticipation. His eyebrows were so high they'd disappeared under his flapping fringe. He prepared himself. Wait for it... ready... set... now!

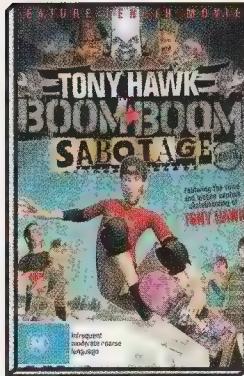
With only a metre to go to the base of the bank Danny rose quickly to his feet. As if pinged from a slingshot, he flew out onto the creek bed. His legs were going far too fast, but there was nothing he could do about it. He waved his arms wildly, desperate not to be overtaken by his own momentum.

We have 10 copies of *Danny Allen Was Here* up for grabs! To win, just tell us where Danny lives.

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METCHKS

SH8 4 LIFE



TONY HAWK IN BOOM BOOM SABOTAGE, IDW/MAINFRAME

He's the same skate legend he's always been, but this time he's starring in a full-length animated feature! It's up to a young bunch of skaters to save Tony from the evil circus folk and help keep the iconic Hawk alive and skating.

MANIA VERDICT: This movie is good fun but we'd rather see real skating – sometimes it just feels like you're watching a videogame you can't play.

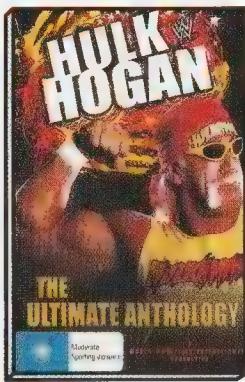


HULK-A-MANIA!

HULK HOGAN, THE ULTIMATE ANTHOLOGY, WWE

Everything you wanted or didn't want to know about the legendary Hulk Hogan is crammed on to this ultimate wrestling anthology including his biggest battles plus the VH1 reality series *Hogan Knows Best*.

MANIA VERDICT: Hulk Hogan has had a massive impact on wrestling and his story is highly addictive. Full of trivia, it's also a good look at the sport's history.



MONKEY BUSINESS



GORILLAZ: PHASE TWO - SLOWBOAT TO HADES, EMI

They are a massive music sensation, they've got two awesome albums and ... they're completely make believe! Gorillaz: Phase Two collects the best clips, animations and live performances from the best pretend band since Spinal Tap.

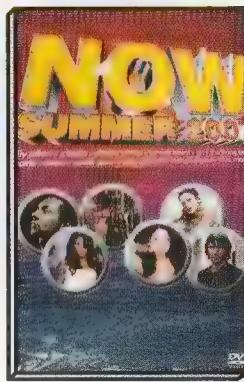
MANIA VERDICT: The interviews, clips and extras make this solid gold for Gorillaz fans or even if you just want to learn about the band.

CLIPS 'N SNIPS

NOW SUMMER 2007, EMI

Some of the hottest clips from your favourite summer hits together on one DVD. Now Summer 2007 features Lily Allen, Jet, The Living End, Sean Paul, Sick Puppies and heaps more!

MANIA VERDICT: We're not sure if this compilation has every hot hit of the summer but it's a pretty good collection of some very good clips. Highlights for us are the Sick Puppies' feel-good hug-fest and Peter, Bjorn and John's fun animated vid.





MREADS

THE BOY FROM OZ



PHIL CUMMINGS



DANNY ALLEN
WAS HERE,

PHIL CUMMINGS/
ILLUSTRATED BY DAVID
COX, PAN MACMILLAN.

This is probably the most Australian book you will read all year – it's full of sand dune surfing, footy, exploring and just having fun in the scorching sun.

MANIA VERDICT: A great Aussie read and a fantastic antidote to too much time spent inside. Read it then get out there and explore the great outdoors!



POP QUIZ

**COULD YOU?
WOULD YOU?**

TRUDY WHITE, ALLEN & UNWIN.
Would you swap your arms for wings? How tall are you in bananas? Did you have imaginary friends? Could You? Would You? is full of questions like these, questions that help you take a closer look at the world around you.

MANIA VERDICT: This is a simple and gentle book that asks you to ask how, why, where, what and when. We love the style and illustrations.



OLD DRAGON. NEW TRICKS.



ELDEST,
CHRISTOPHER
PAOLINI, DOUBLEDAY.

The second book in the Inheritance trilogy and the sequel to *Eragon*, *Eldest* has big boots to fill! It takes up the story with Eragon's training as a Dragon Rider and the parallel adventures of his cousin Roran.

MANIA VERDICT: *Eldest* is a deeper story than *Eragon*, taking us inside the characters and exploring the world and history of the Dragon Riders. A great sequel!



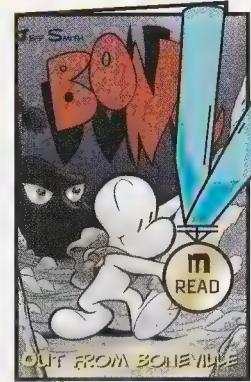
DIG UP BONE

**OUT FROM
BONEVILLE, JEFF**

SMITH, HARPER COLLINS

Bone, the unlikely hero of *Out From Boneville*, is on a mission to save his home from, (what else?) the forces of evil. *Out From Boneville* is a comic that's quite unlike anything we've ever read before...

MANIA VERDICT: It's a five-worm, gold-class A-grade, how else can-we-say-it classic. Don't forget to check out the adventures of Bone in MANIA's wicked comic section! ☺



RAD!



GREAT!



V GOOD



POOR



BADDDED



MTUNES



LIFE'S A BEACH



**COASTAL CHILL
'07, VARIOUS
ARTISTS, EMI**

A collection of chilled-out guitar tracks, sandy vocal licks and cruisey acoustic sounds from artists like Ben Harper, Michael Franti, Bernard

Fanning, Tim Finn and Kasey Chambers.

**MANIA
VERDICT:**

If it's still hot enough where you are to head to the beach (or you just want to pretend!) this album is the perfect complement. It doesn't happen often but this is a truly great compilation album!



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**MUSIC FROM
THE OC: MIX 6
- COVERING
OUR TRACKS, VARIOUS
ARTISTS, WARNER**

The OC has had some great music cut to certain episodes. Covering Our Tracks is made up of older tunes

that featured on the show, re-done by new groups.

**MANIA
VERDICT:**

A pretty average compilation album with some fantastic songs covered by mostly less than fantastic bands. "Debaser" sounds sooo much better when the Pixies do it – go listen to their album Death To The Pixies!



READY, SET ...



**HERE IT GOES
AGAIN, OK GO,
EMI**

This song definitely has the video clip of the year! Have you seen it? The guys from Ok Go do an amazing treadmill dance routine, backed

by their rock-pop sounds.

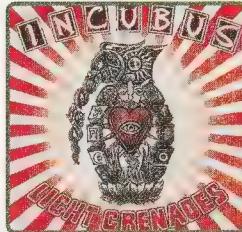
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VERDICT: The song itself is catchy and fun but it really comes into its own once you see

the video. The treadmill dancing is incredible and we reckon it must have taken heaps of tries to get it right (and a few bruises!).



BLOWING UP!



**LIGHT GRENADES,
INCUBUS, SONY BMG**

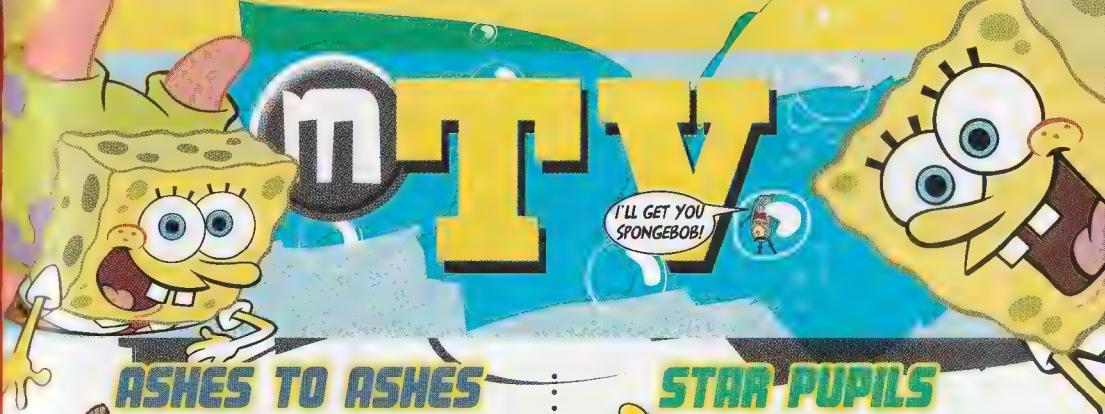
Are you ready for some rock 'n' roll? Well, you're sort of in luck. This album has some chunky guitar songs but it's a pretty wacky ride. Each track sounds like it was sung

by a different band and the style is very different to anything Incubus has done before.

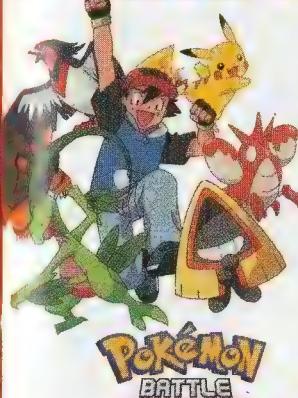
**MANIA
VERDICT:**

It's a little bit scattered but Light Grenades is still a good album, well worth a few listens. It's so varied you're almost guaranteed to find something you like!





ASHES TO ASHES



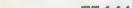
Pokémon
BATTLE
FRONTIER



POKÉMON: BATTLE FRONTIER, DOUBLE EPISODES SATURDAYS AT 8.30AM, FROM SATURDAY 24TH MARCH, CARTOON NETWORK.

The ninth, that's right, NINTH, series of Pokémon sees Ash heading back to the Kanto Region where it all began. He's about to enter Battle Frontier, the toughest tournament yet, with the always faithful Pikachu by his side.

MANIA VERDICT: Battle Frontier is going to get seriously medieval on you. It's wicked!



TEAM GALAXY,
WEEKDAYS AT 8.00AM, FROM
MONDAY 5TH MARCH,
CARTOON NETWORK.

Josh, Yoko and Brett are three friends who attend Galaxy High, the coolest high school on Earth. In their quest to become Space Marshals they'll need to excel in Physics, Combat, Astronomy and Alien Languages as well as surviving all the usual high-school dramas. Yikes!

MANIA VERDICT: This is one school we just can't get enough of!

STAR PUPILS



SUPER STAR-FISH

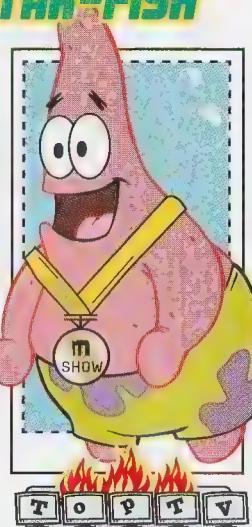
**SPONGEBOB
SQUAREPANTS**

SPECIAL - IT'S NOT PATRICK'S DAY MARATHON - 17TH MARCH, 8AM TO 8PM PLUS NEW EPISODE - 19TH MARCH, 5PM, NICKELODEON.

Normally people wear green on St Patrick's Day, so we say get some boardshorts on and some pink body paint to celebrate this marathon of Patrick Star's finest moments and mishaps! Then stay on board for a brand-new episode!

MANIA VERDICT:

Patrick had us at "Hello". Chant with us, Patrick! Patrick! Patrick!



TOUGHER THAN YOU!

**THE LIFE AND TIMES
OF JUNIPER LEE**

WEEKENDS AT 2.30PM, CARTOON NETWORK

Being responsible for balancing the human and magic worlds is no biggie, right? You could do it with one hand tied behind your back while you used the other hand to eat cereal from the box. Wrong, sucker!

MANIA VERDICT:

Along with her crazy family, The Life and Times of Juniper Lee is insane and entertaining madness.



TOP TV RAD!



GREAT!



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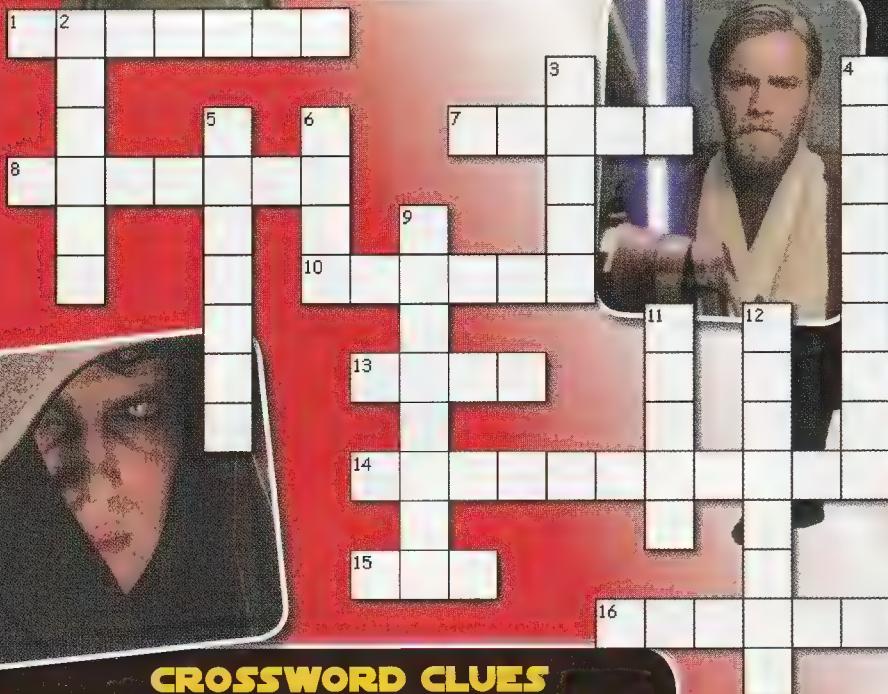
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STAR WARS

CROSSWORD

How well do you know the world of Star Wars?
Are you a Jedi Master or a Jar Jar Binks? Fill
out this crossword to find out!



CROSSWORD CLUES

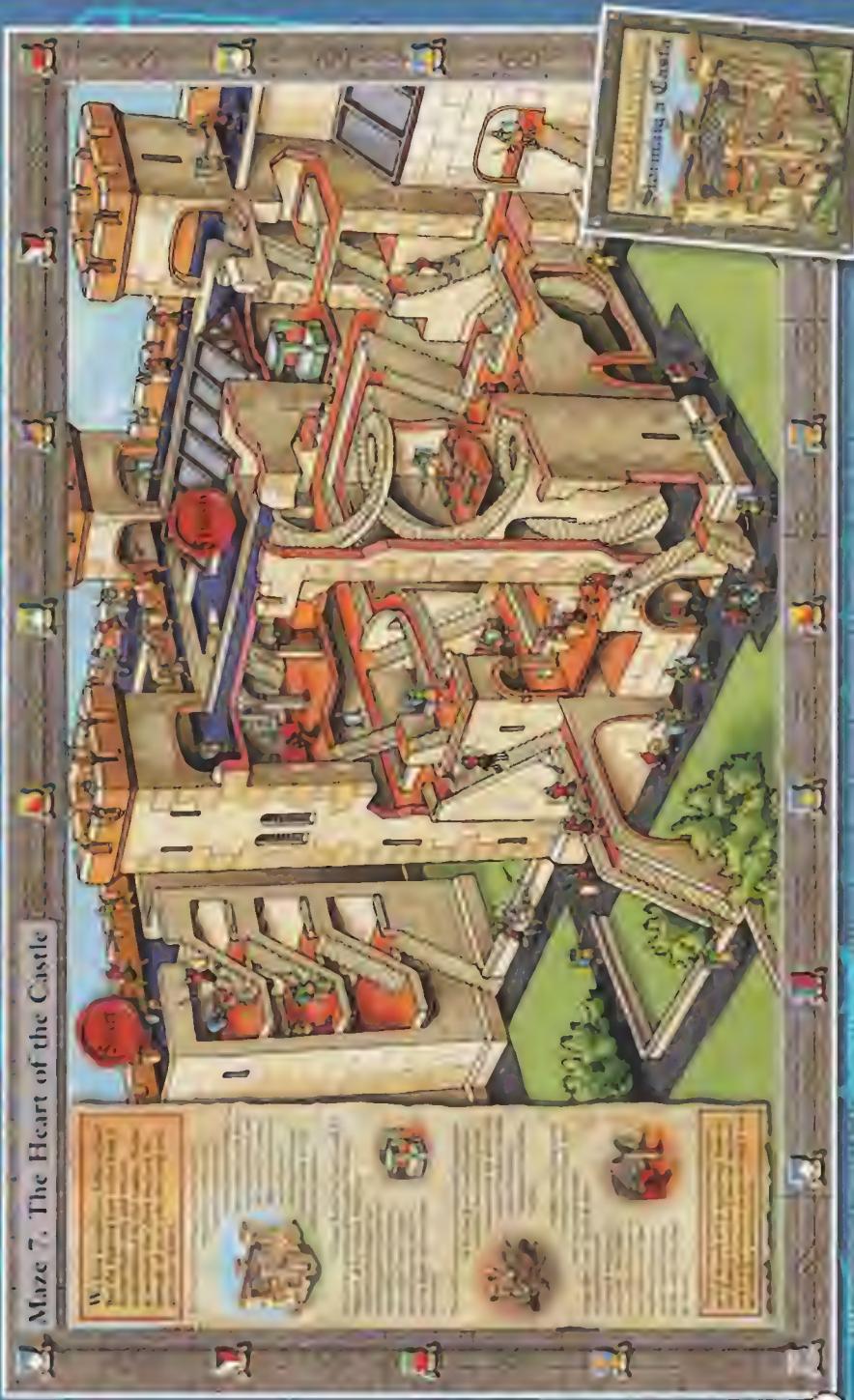
ACROSS

- The Queen and Senator of Naboo is Padme what?
- What word comes before Vader, Maul and Sidious?
- Who led the raid at the Battle of Endor in Episode VI?
- What is Darth Vader's real identity?
- In which episode does Luke Skywalker join the Rebel Alliance?
- What are the main weapons Jedi's use?
- What colour are the light sabers for fighters in the Sith?
- What is Princess Leia's last name?

DOWN

- The first Episode is called The Phantom...
- What colour is Luke Skywalker's light saber?
- Which war do the first three episodes cover?
- What species is Han Solo's companion Chewbacca?
- Dagobah is the home of which Jedi?
- Where did Luke Skywalker grow up?
- The director of all the Star Wars films is George ...
- Where did Leia grow up?

A-MAZE-ING MAZES!



SUDOKU

CHALLENGE!

Get into the coolest craze around – Sudoku! To solve the puzzle, fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Go on, give it a try!

Check out solutions, tips and a computer program at www.sudoku.com.

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SUPER CHALLENGE!

Think you've mastered Sudoku now? Reckon you're the super-dooper Sudoku whiz-kid? Test your new skills on this one – it's a little bit trickier!

STAINES DOWN DRAINES

Uh-oh! John Stanley Staines and his twin sister Mary-Jane are in trouble! Can you spot the 7 differences between the two pictures before it's too late? Hurry!

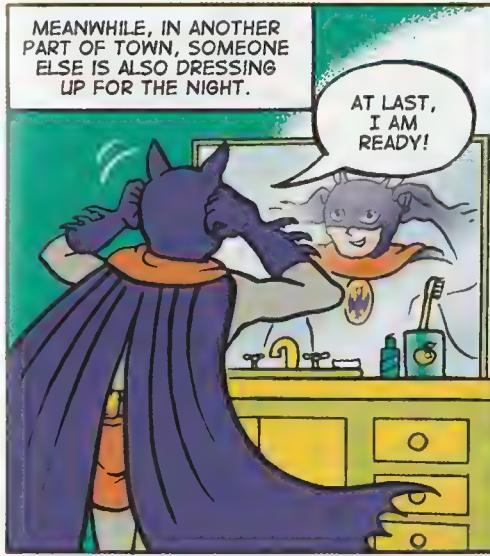
Spot-the-Difference!



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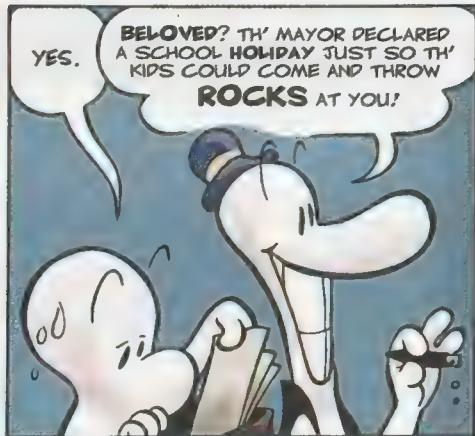
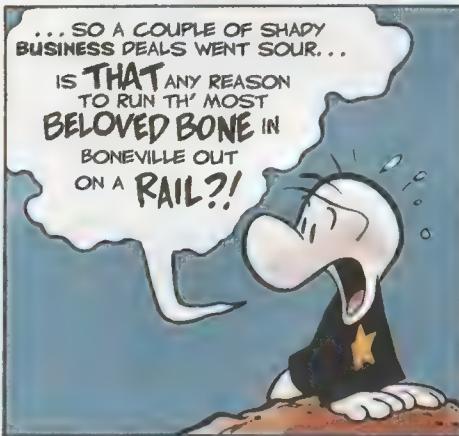
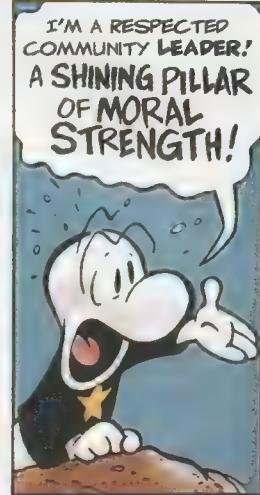
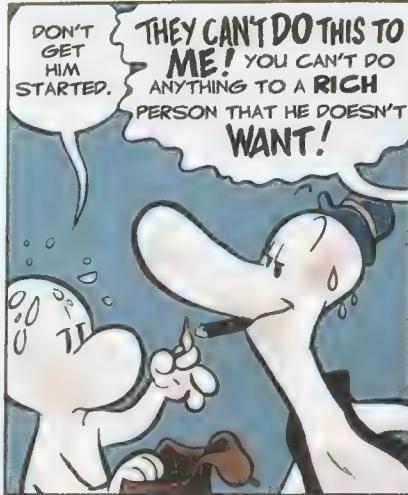


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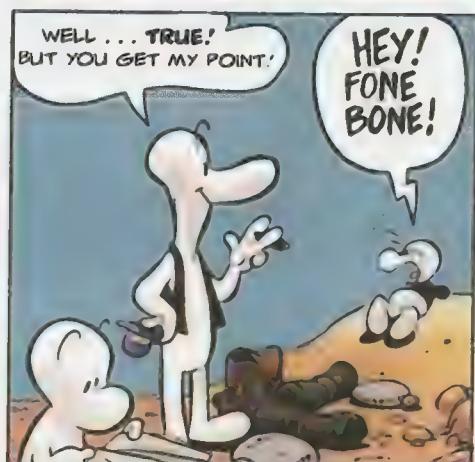
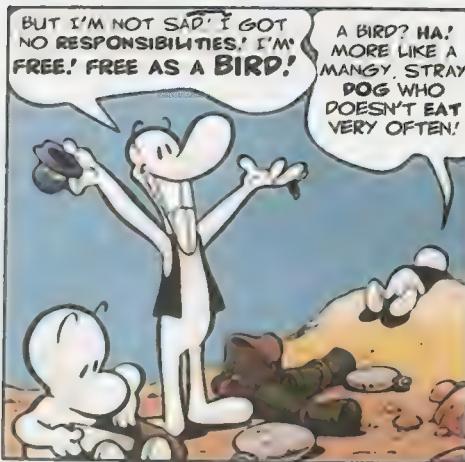
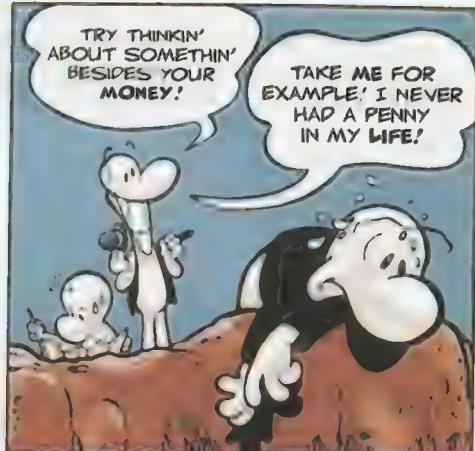




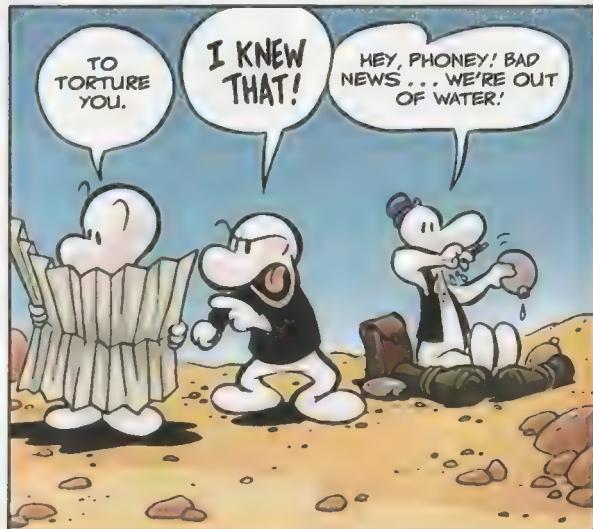
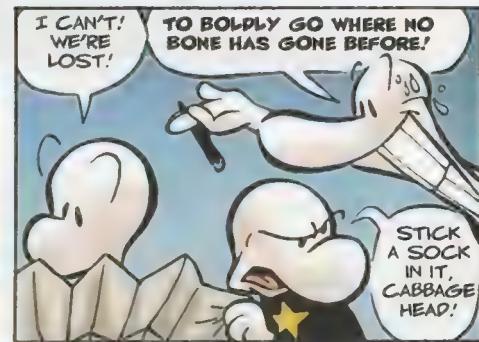
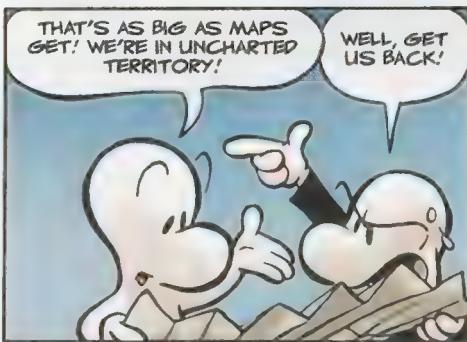
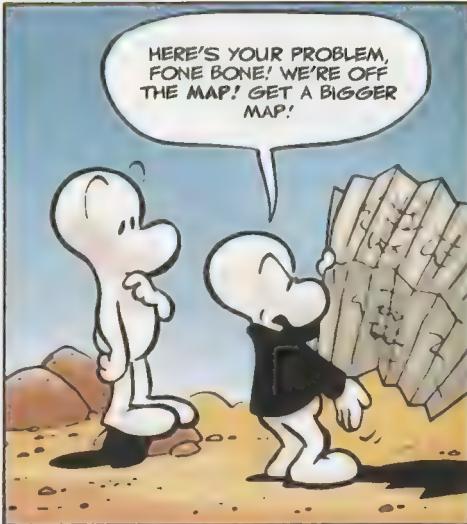
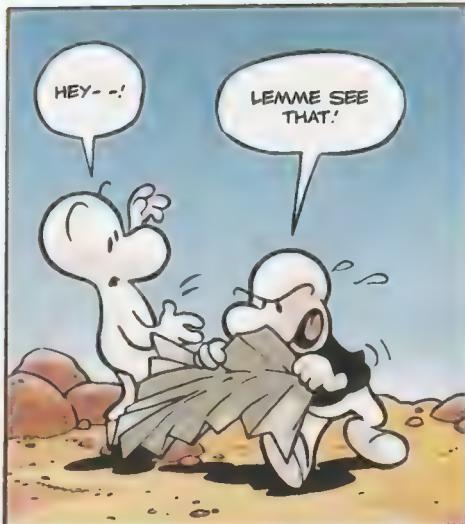
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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!

Whaddaya get when you take 16 kids from eight different primary schools on a MASSIVE bush walk? Harmony!

HUH?

This crazy concept went off when writer, Nadia Wheatley, and artist, Ken Searle, decided to take a whole bunch of inner-city kids from really different backgrounds on an adventure through the bush. They figured they'd all learn heaps about each other, ngurra and Aboriginal culture. The result of this wicked experiment

- new friendships, more knowledge and a rad book, *Going Bush!*



DO YA KNOW?

Some other words you'll hear in the book are warabotango and warapin - which we'll explain!

FEELIN' INSPIRED?

What: Harmony Day 2007 When: March 21st

- Why: To celebrate our country's rich and diverse history, and also to promote a brighter future for the future!
- Who: Anyone! But just to make it easier, here's some tips for making a difference:
- How YOU Can Get Involved: Check out www.harmony.gov.au for lots of what's going on in your area.



NGURRA

Confused? Don't be! Ngurra is a native Aboriginal word, and it means, "the land or place". It was used by Eora, the Aborigines that lived around Sydney waaaay back in 1788. Nadia and Ken used "ngurra" as their theme, because it's something we all have in common!



WORD UP!

"I am very excited because this is my first bushwalk." - Dora 7



WORD UP!

"We should have harmony among people who live on this beautiful planet. We should make friends with people we don't know. We should play, share and have trust with everyone."

- Mohammed 9



FRESH



Meet Bub, the snap-happy Huebee.

MANIA: That's a nice camera you've got there Bub, do you like taking pictures?

Bub: "You know it! I've got an itchy trigger finger and an eye for detail. Huebees are all really creative and are always dancing and singing so I snap wicked pics all the time. I also like to take photos of my pet, Lap Skoodle."

MANIA: What else do you like doing?

Bub: "Well, I read MANIA of course, and I love watching my friend Toonso play bass. Sometimes I leave the camera at home and just boogie on down! I also love to paint with all the colours of the rainbow."

MANIA: Do you want to shout out to all the Maniacs out there?

Bub: "Of course! Keep being creative and have fun!"

The image features a vibrant yellow sunburst shape with a jagged edge. Inside the sunburst, the word "KAOOM" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below the sunburst is a stylized banner with a blue sky background. The banner contains the word "FRUFRU" in large, white, rounded letters. The letter "F" has a red outline and a small red heart at its base. The letter "R" has a green outline and a small green heart at its base. The letter "U" has a blue outline and a small blue heart at its base. The letter "O" has a pink outline and a small pink heart at its base. The letter "D" has a purple outline and a small purple heart at its base. The letter "J" has an orange outline and a small orange heart at its base.

Say o'day to Toonso, the funky

Huebee Fruba

TOONSO So Toonso, what's the most important thing in life to you?

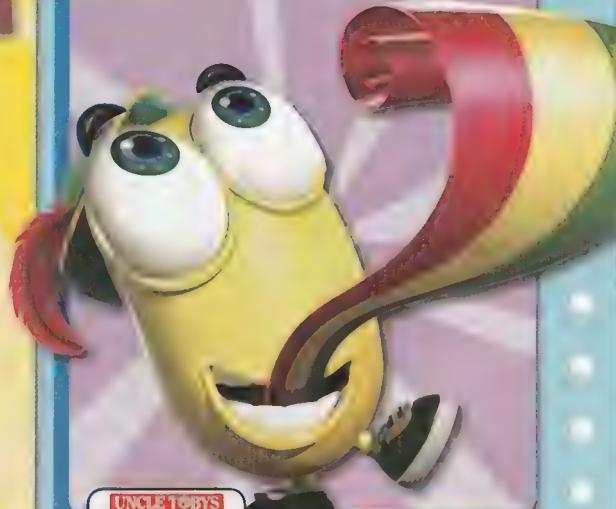
"Yo, I just gotta say, it's music. All Huebees love to perform but when I hear a beat, I just can't stop my feet."

Any particular style of music?

"Bluenote bass hits the spot but I'll listen to anything as long as you can mooooove to it."

Maria: Is there anything you'd like to say to our readers?

"Yo, music is the greatest. Shout out to my little friend Whiska, Huebees for life!"



The logo for Uncle Tobys Roll-Ups. It features the brand name "UNCLE TOBYS" in a red rectangular box at the top, and "ROLL-UPS" in a stylized green and yellow font below it, all set against a white background.

www.rollups.com.au

FREAKY & FOUL

"I'll save you!" "Leech to the rescue!"

Leeches GOOD FOR YOU!

Leeches are the smiest, grossest, ugliest, meliest, stickiest... **MOST LIFE SAVING** critters on earth! WHAT! Yep you heard it maniacs, leeches are actually used by doctors to save people from gangrene that could cause them to lose legs and arms or even die! These lil' slippery suckers stop swelling and gets the blood movin'! Hmmm I think I'll still keep clear of these scaly chaps!

ARACHNOphobia

It's not that I'm scared of the Max Mix, it's just that I'm afraid of spiders... a very real fear for me. I've had them crawl up my arm, down my neck, and even once crawled up my nose! Ewwww! I can't stand the thought of them crawling all over me, so I've been trying to avoid them as much as possible.

DOWN THE DRAIN

It's been said before, but I have to say it again... that's really gross when it would be the most normal thing in the world. You know what I mean? Like when you

DOCTOR DOCTOR!

Now I know what you're thinking... you probably have a doctor at home and in the city of the death delivery. Sorry, the word doctor is just weird. Now I'm going to teach you how to be a doctor... you know, just in case you get bit by a leech or something. I mean, you never know when you're gonna need a doctor. (There's more doctors than you think! Just look at the world! Doctors are all around us! The human condition plagues them from back to the front and everywhere else!)

NASTY NURSERY RHYMES!

"Ring a ring of rosie, a pocket full of posy's. Ah-tissue! ah-tissue! We all fall down. Cows are in the meadow eating buttercups, ah- tissue ah- tissue we all jump up!"

Cute song... not! It's actually about the bubonic plague also known as The Black Death. A disease of the medieval times that killed over 75 million people! It started with red rings (the rosie), appearing on your body that would eventually cause the victim to sneeze, go purple and die. Because of millions of dead bodies people would plant posies on the streets to fragrance the air from rotting flesh! EWWWW! Luckily a scientist found a cure. Although many didn't jump for joy when they had it cos' the cure was eating scabs of cows infected with the disease! Hmmm does the song sound different to...

WHEN YOU JUST CAN'T GET SPIDERS OUT OF YOUR HEAD...

One of the earliest operations conducted in human history was the removal of a family of spiders from a young girl's head! She had a spider in her scalp living there for years! She had a special device inserted behind her ear to separate the way the spider was anchored into her skull and then they had to pull the whole thing out! They say it took 10 hours to remove the spider! That's one crazy spider! And that's why you don't want to play with spiders! (And that's why you don't want to play with spiders!)

Unbashed

Rocky before
his big fight.

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Booties!

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Battle damage!
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Meat
RULEZ!

Meat
Rocky
Balboa
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Pre
beefcake
Rocky!

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Rocky Balboa I,
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This 18 inch
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released in 1986
to coincide with
the movie
Rocky IV. Rocky
came with some mad
gear, even
including a
skipping robe!
This big boy is
ULTRA rare!

FLASHBACK

ROCKY

Rocky IV



Dangerous Down Under

Our wildlife can be really dangerous! Check out these two new stories...

The first... **THREE WOLF MOON** - Three wolf cubs have been spotted in Australia. Although they could be a bit playful and cheeky - **WOLF WARRIOR** - they're doing what they do best - being dangerous! These wolf cubs may look cute, but...

WILD THING

...but they're not! These wolf cubs have been spotted in Australia. Although they could be a bit playful and cheeky - **WOLF WARRIOR** - they're doing what they do best - being dangerous! These wolf cubs may look cute, but...

HORSE WHISPERING

Thanks to a new study, humans are one step closer to talking with horses. By measuring the noises made by horses and putting them into a database, researchers hope to help vets and scientists relate to the animals much better. The results will also teach humans how to speak to zebras and donkeys!

How to Survive a Croc Attack

Crocs have been hanging around since the Jurassic and the top end of Australia has got heaps of croc infested rivers. When one launches out of the water you've only got seconds to react! Unfortunately opinions are divided on HOW you should react. Some sources say you should fight back, while others recommend playing dead. Our advice MANIACS? Stay away from crocodiles!

PSSST! I'M TALKING TO YOU!

MOI MUTANT?

SOME LIKE IT HOT

It's been a hot summer across the country, but it's been even hotter in Australia's Northern Territory - where Boiling Water Reservoir by the Barkly Highway went from 20°C to 40°C in just 10 minutes! Temperatures over 400 degrees for the second time this month caused a series of horrific thunders, lightning strikes and a fury of bush fires that burnt off 600,000ha in just four days.

WILDEST ANIMAL EVER!

It's not just the world's wildest animals that will blow your mind. This year's bushfires have caused a mass exodus of koalas from their native habitat. Now, they're living in trees in the middle of the city.



Global warming is causing extreme weather patterns all over the world. In Australia, the heatwaves are getting hotter and more frequent. This is causing a range of problems, from droughts to bushfires. It's important to take action to stop global warming and protect our planet.

TOP 4 WAYS WE CAN HELP STOP GLOBAL WARMING

1. Turn off the lights, TV, computer etc when you leave the room.
2. Take shorter showers (we know you'll love that one!).
3. Recycle everything you can.
4. Take your litter home,

mania

PRIZE PASS

We know you love prizes... so write in and grab some goodies! To get your hands on the wizted prizes in WIN THIS, simply tick the box next to the comp you want to enter - you can tick as many boxes as you like. Then just send us the prize pass along with a drawing of yourself. Too easy!

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- Cars & Spider-Man backpacks
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Send this MANIA PRIZE PASS along with your
name and address to:

PRIZE PASS 70
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From trading cards to pet rocks, saving up stuff is awesome! Check out these Maniacs and their cool collections!

HOT NEW COLLECTABLE!

Check out the new Pokémon EX Power Keepers! There are over 100 cards to collect - can you control powers that have never been controlled before?



**POKÉMON
POWER KEEPERS**



POWER RANGERS

Dear MANIA,
I have been collecting Power Rangers since I was three. I used to have more but they have been disappearing, I have a hunch my mum's been selling them at the trash and treasure markets!

Zane Ross, 10,
Heathmont, Vic.



Hey MANIA,

This is my Kinder Surprise collection. I have been collecting them since I was a baby. I went to Italy and while I was there, I collected some more! This is probably my biggest collection - I have over 100!

Valentina Carrizo, 8, Fairfield, NSW.

Valentina - we crown you the Kinder Queen!

Hi MANIA!
I've been collecting Yu-Gi-Oh cards and figures for four years. I have 934 cards and figures. I have also been collecting your magazine. I really enjoy reading them all!

Ryan Mackenzie, 9, Plumpton, NSW.
Ryan - you are a true Yu-Gi-Oh legend - that is one awesome collection!



GAMOJA PRIZE PACKS

Have YOU got a cool collection? We want to know about it! And you could win an awesome Gamoja collection pack!



All you need to do is:

1. Send us a photo of you and your collection.
2. Tell us all about your collection.

Send your entry, along with your name, age and address, to:

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See page 97 for details.

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MANIA #67 WINNERS

RAYMAN COMPETITION

Tim O'Connor NSW

HAPPY FEET (MAJOR)

Liam Nascon NSW

HAPPY FEET (MINOR)

Arie Bean Vic, Aimee Mangano Qld, Saca Qld, Dylan Tarlton Qld, Jodie Miles Vic, Nathan Sutardi WA, Nathan Falzon SA, Max Fowler Qld, Daniel Casha Vic, Jordan Lees NSW, Bryce Wallay NSW, Wayne Waples Vic, Chris Griggs Tas, Jack Bye SA, Wilson Vic

CODE LYOKO

Ryan Qld, Jay NSW

FLUSHED AWAY (MAJOR)

J. Rea NSW

UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

Megan Collins NSW

AMP BOWLING

Brent Broughton Qld, Taylor Jackson WA, Jake Regeling Qld, Daniel Burton NSW, Matthew Wight Vic, Lenny Buttie SA, Emily Whitehouse Tas, Erik Hobson NSW, Nelson Murray NSW, Kate Hooper SA, Cody Archer NSW, C. Sims NSW, Ben Hall NSW, Luke Bakker WA, PJ Cupitt NSW, Liam Nacon NSW, Mindy Collins Tas, Angela Zhang Vic, Kial Gorra Qld, Nathan Richards SA

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

STAR WARS CROSSWORD

Across:	Down:
1. Amidala	2. Menace
7. Darth	3. Green
8. Han Solo	4. Clone Wars
10. Anakin	5. Wookiee
13. Four	6. Yoda
14. Light Saber	9. Tatooine
15. Red	11. Lucas
16. Organa	12. Alderaan

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

1. John Stanley's T-shirt colour.
2. John Stanley's shoe colour.
3. Little hairball on right has no eyes.
4. Big monster's mouth (middle).
5. Little monster (left) missing pupil in eye.
6. Flower detail on wall.
7. Mary-Jane has no teeth.

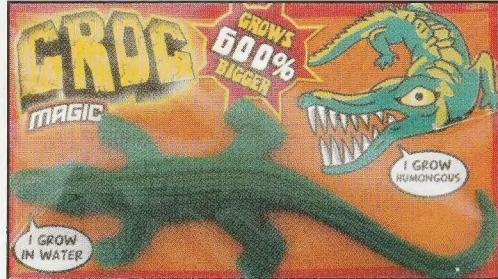
PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL

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Expanding Crocodile - FREE GIFT

Product prohibited due to risk to child if they were to swallow or bite off part of toy. Please dispose of toy and keep out of reach of small children. Product was available for onsale from 30th October 2006 until 30th November 2006.

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TOP JOB

Imagine jumping out of an aeroplane! We asked Phil Onis, the most experienced skydiver in Australia (24,000 jumps!), all about his Top Job!

MANIA: How old were Phil you when you did your first jump from an aeroplane?

PHIL: "I was 17. These days you can jump tandem at 14 (with an instructor strapped to your back), and you can train to jump solo at 16."

MANIA: What makes your job so cool?

PHIL: "That's easy! I get paid to have fun. Each day I usually go skydiving in the morning and then come into the office later on. I also love sharing my passion with students and tandem jumpers. The boring part is the plane ride, it's like taking the train to work."

MANIA: Is skydiving dangerous?

PHIL: "It sure is, but no more dangerous than most adventurous sports like surfing or rock climbing. As long as you're careful it's fine."

MANIA: Has your parachute ever failed?

PHIL: "Lots of times. But you've always got a second reserve parachute, and it probably only happens one in every 2000 jumps."

MANIA: Have your students ever been really scared? We've heard that people sometimes throw up in their helmets and then have to wear them when they jump!

PHIL: "Students are often really scared but it would only be one in a million that actually gets physically sick."

MANIA: What's been your scariest experience skydiving?

PHIL: There have been a few, but one of the scariest was when my main parachute failed and I was scared to open the second one because I thought it would tie me up.

MANIA: Do you still get an adrenalin rush after doing 24,000 jumps?

PHIL: "I get an adrenalin rush every single time. I love it, it's the best job in the world!"



If you want to know more about skydiving or have the urge to jump out of a plane yourself, check out Sydney Skydivers at www.sydneySkydivers.com.au or the Australian Parachute Federation at www.apf.asn.au.

ADRENALINE RUSH

In freefall, skydivers are headed towards the ground at 250km/h, that's as fast as a V8 Supercar!

Skydivers usually jump from a height of almost five kilometres up. It takes about 30-50 seconds of freefall and three-five minutes flying under canopy (open parachute), for them to reach the ground.

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